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OAK FIELD JOINS THE REPRIEVED SCHOOLS LIST!

PLANS to close Oak Field Primary School in Barry look set to be dropped, after the Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore, issued a statement saying that the cabinet was opposed to the idea.

This means that the cabinet is, in effect, disowning a report prepared by the Schools Review Group, which

suggested closing three primary schools, Llanfair, Llanfair and Oak Field.

The proposed closure programme was blamed on pressure from the Welsh Government, which was unhappy with a surplus places rate of around 15 per cent, and wanted it brought up to better than 10 per cent.

Last week, council statements said that Llanfair and Llanfair would not be closed.

by **PHILIP IRWIN**

Now, Oak Field also seems to have been given a reprieve.

Coun Moore said: "The report will go before cabinet on March 4. We have now had a chance to consider the report fully, and not only are we unhappy with the idea of closing Llanfair and Llanfair, two high achieving schools, but we are not happy with the recommendation to close Oak Field.

"The school belongs to the Gibbonsdown community, a struggling area, recognised by the fact it is a Community First Area, receiving extra funding and help from the Welsh Government.

"We believe that more work needs to be done to help the school improve and we will not be supporting the closure."

Arguments are raging between Labour and the Conservatives, with the latter insisting that the cabinet has been forced into a U-turn.

Labour, in turn, have blamed leaks and "scaremongering" by the Conservatives.

Vale MP Alun Cairns said: "I am absolutely delighted that we have managed to force this about turn by the Vale Council.

"Just one week ago, I joined a group of parents and the chair of governors at Oak Field to formulate a plan of campaign and now, after being in a very lonely place, we appear to have succeeded, which is remarkable.

"Only last weekend, parents met local councillors and their local AM, and they refused to offer support, but it was those parents' determination and hard work that forced a change of

mind. I still want to see the cabinet go on the record with reasons for keeping the schools open, in case there is a change of heart in a few years time."

He continued: "This is one of the most deprived communities in Wales and the school plays a vital part in the community, in overcoming the difficulties that residents face.

"The data on which the council appear to have based its judgement is already out of date. The Local Development Plan (LDP) includes proposals for 10,000 new houses across the Vale - a Welsh Government target - which would expand Barry massively.

"A mere fraction of this would bring new families and pupils to our schools.

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Helen running for niece Fern and a research charity...

by **TIM CHAPMAN**

A Vale woman is running the London Marathon - on behalf of a young relative from Barry who suffers from pancreatitis.

Helen Griffiths from Llantrithyd will be pounding the streets on April 21 - and her 11-year-old niece Fern, a pupil at All Saints, will be foremost in her mind.

Helen (34) explained: "I'm running for my niece Fern who suffers from pancreatitis.

"She has to go into the Children's Hospital for Wales in Cardiff a few times a year, when her pancreatitis flares up. She can't eat for days until the problems subside.

"Fern is in a lot of pain while she is ill but still has a smile for everyone and is very brave.

"She has chosen the Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund as the charity she would like me to run for.

"Sometimes she rides her bike with me while I run - people may sometimes see us over at Cosmeston Lake where we enjoy hot chocolate in the lakeside cafe afterwards!

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Fern, and Devo the dog, help get Helen in shape!

ABOVE: Fern, Helen, and Devo.

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Body found at beach

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The death is not being treated as suspicious and a file is being prepared for H M Coroner.

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Cowbridge link to National Anthem

READERS will have seen recent letters in The GEM about the composers of the Welsh National Anthem.

The words were written by Evan James and the tune composed by his son, James James, both residents of Pontypridd, in January 1856.

Readers may not, however, be aware that the current conductor of the Cowbridge Choral Society, Carole Lloyd, is a direct descendant of Evan James, who was her (three times) great-grandfather.

Both Carole and her family are very proud of their connection to the stirring anthem and what it means for Wales.

Carole keeps the family musical tradition going with her input into the choral society. Its next concert will be in April, when chorists will be joined by Pontypridd Choral Society in a programme of Mendelssohn's 'Hymn of Praise' and Haydn's 'Nelson Mass'.

New singers are always welcome to practices, which take place at the Cowbridge United Free Church (opposite the police station) on Thursday at 7.30pm. More information about the choir is available at www.cowbridgechoralsociety.co.uk.

Phil Glanville, Pendoylan.

'Lobby health board on PoW cutbacks'

I HEARTILY agree with the letter in The GEM recently in which Mr Huw Field expressed his concerns regarding the closing or downgrading of the Accident and Emergency Unit at Bridgend Hospital.

There was a public consultation on this matter held in Cowbridge Surgery, but this was so poorly advertised that very few people attended.

I was one of the public who did attend this presentation. There were fewer than 20 people there. The members from the health board were in a majority.

We were told that A&E would be down-

graded at Bridgend, but there would be paramedics available. The alternative provisions would be at Morriston or the Heath in Cardiff.

At present, Bridgend serves a number of the valley communities, as well as Bridgend, Maesteg, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge.

The ambulance provision in our area regularly fails to reach its prescribed target times.

Whilst this is no fault of the ambulance personnel, it is of very great concern to those of us who might need their help.

I urge all members of the public to lobby their health board to reconsider the downgrading of provisions provided at the Bridgend hospital.

Gwen Baty, Cowbridge.

One way street for Rhosee?

I WOULD have thought it was about time the council did something about Trinity Street, Rhosee.

You have cars parked each side of the road and traffic trying to go up and down. Would it not make more sense to make it a one way street?

I end up having to stop for traffic coming down, I get rude signs from the drivers coming down, as there is nowhere for them to pull in as there are so many cars on the side of the road.

Would this not be better being 'down only' as the bottom of College Road and Heol Dewi Sant are 'up only', surely that makes sense for Trinity street to be 'down only'.

Rhosee resident.

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COMMUNITY RALLIES TO WARTIME MUSEUM

THE newly-launched Glamorgan Wartime Heritage Centre, based at the Barry tourist railway station on Barry Island, is proving extremely popular with local people, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their generosity and support.

Local people, businesses and organisations have kindly donated many items of local wartime heritage, which are helping our research team to piece together more untold stories of the region's wartime history.

For example, one donation was a Merchant Navy ration card, an item that we had never seen before.

I would like also to thank the Barry branches of the Royal British Legion, RAF Association, and Merchant Navy Association for their support and advice.

As we establish the museum, we aim to tie in with other military and Veterans' groups and will be holding special VIP open days for them in the near future.

Cadoxton Primary School also deserves spe-

cial mention, following their donation of artefacts. Again, we aim to hold a special 'thank you' event for the kids.

I would also like to thank the team at the Vale Centre for Voluntary Services for their continued backroom support and advice, and Modelzone of Cardiff for their donation of model kits, which will be used to raise funds for the museum.

By far the 'cutest' donation to our museum so far, comes from a 90-year-old visitor from a local retirement home. The lady crocheted a blanket for the bed in our Second World War Anderson Shelter, because "we had one like that in ours".

Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of the Barry Tourist Railway and our very dedicated volunteers. Thankyou to you all.

Our next open day is on Sunday, March 10, check our website www.wartimeglamorgan.co.uk Ade Pitman

Cancer support group's thanks

PENARTH fundraising committee for Cancer Research UK would like to thank everyone who came out on another very cold day to the spring fair on Saturday, February 23, and helped us raise £627.89.

Our grateful thanks to all of you and for the

continued support from the WRVS and our other many helpers.

Our next event is the annual big breakfast and table top sale in All Saints Church Hall, Victoria Square on Saturday, March 16 from 9.30am until noon. If you would like to book a table, please call 02920 700996.

Jenny Brooks, Penarth committee for Cancer Research UK.

'Don't park on Stalling Down!'

I HAVE been walking my dog on the north side of Stalling Down for a long time with great pleasure.

But during the last two years, the ground has been churned up by people out of sheer inconsideration, selfishness and thoughtlessness, to the extent that it is impossible to walk where the wheels have torn up the ground, particularly during these months of bad weather.

It will take years for the ground to recover from this damage. There is a small council notice which states that 'Private vehicles are prohibited on the Common'.

I hope the people concerned will read The GEM and use their legs to access the Common and dispose of their rubbish in the appropriate place when they leave.

J Maddocks, Cowbridge.

'Guilty dog walkers beware'

ANOTHER good day to walk my dogs, get lead and take them out quickly before they have chance to foul my garden.

Oh, the pleasure it gives me when my dog stops up the road and deposits 14 mounds of poo (is that a record?) on someone else's drive and I can walk away without being seen - or was I?

Well, Brendon View dog walkers be aware, your days are numbered. CCTV will be installed and you will be prosecuted.

G S Rogers, Rhosee.

'U-turn needed on the council tax'

THE decision to impose a 4.8 per cent hike in council tax for local residents in the Vale of Glamorgan is extremely disappointing, particularly following Alun Michael's decision to put a 7 per cent increase on the police precept across south Wales.

Vale residents are finding out that Labour administrations hit them where it hurts - in the pocket.

As an Assembly Group, the Welsh Conservatives called on the Labour Welsh Government to take the money that came from the Westminster Coalition's decision to freeze council tax in England and earmark it for the same purpose here in Wales - but to no avail.

Instead, whilst residents of councils in England are set to see the third successive year within a rise in their annual bills, here in the Vale (and across Wales)

many councils are set to impose record-breaking rises on rate-payers.

It has been a difficult month for the Vale Council; last week, it emerged that residents, teachers and governors of schools initially earmarked for closure had forced Leader Neil Moore into a u-turn following a passionate and well-orchestrated campaign.

Whilst we wait with cautious optimism for confirmation that at least two of these schools are to gain a reprieve, we can only hope that this Labour administration has a similar re-think over their plans for council tax.

If the hike does go ahead, residents will find it a bitter pill to swallow.

Andrew RT Davies, AM South Wales Central (Leader of the Welsh Conservatives)

Patchwork service

THIS letter will, I hope, draw attention to the woefully inferior service provided in return for the council taxation levied in our area.

It is obvious the service on offer is a patchwork blanket, where neither one size fits all, nor whatever we provide will do.

It is undeniable that the refuse and recycling programme needs wholesale change and a review of methods employed.

Encouragement/incentive to recycle and minimise waste is to be applauded, but the state our community is left in must stop now.

I have previously suggested wheelie bins, especially considering that in this area the housing stock has facilities to store said bins, whereas the terraced housing off Barry Road and similar are street front properties without such luxury.

In a commercial environment, the penalty for incomplete tasks and breach of contract would certainly be levied.

Rhetorically, I ask would the Vale Council approve of council tax rebates for each incomplete collection?

Andy Edwards, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL FEBRUARY 28)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
21 Thur	02.58	7.3	15.34	7.4
22 Fri	04.07	7.8	16.33	8.0
23 Sat	04.53	8.4	17.17	8.5
24 Sun	05.32	8.9	17.54	9.0
25 Mon	06.08	9.4	18.28	9.6
26 Tues	06.41	9.7	19.04	9.9
27 Wed	07.17	10.1	19.38	9.8
28 Thur	07.55	10.1	20.14	9.9

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

Protest group says second Island road is matter of urgency

A protest will take place at the Civic Offices on Holton Road, Barry on March 6, by a group who say a second road to the Island is a priority.

Barrie V Evans of the Barry First Group said he understood that development issues were delaying the next phase of work at the Waterfront, but that once they were overcome, a road should be built as a matter of urgency.

He told The GEM: "A peaceful protest will take place at The Civic

Offices on Wednesday, March 6, at 5.30pm.

"We fully understand that technical problems and issues mean that the final phase of the Waterfront development is now on hold for between six and 12 months due to the technical difficulties recently encountered by the consortium.

"However, the reason for the protest is to make the Vale Council aware that we feel that as soon as the technical issues are ironed out, we believe construction of the new relief road should be a matter of

extreme necessity.

"This is an urgent issue that should be addressed at the earliest possible convenience in order to aid emergency services to Barry Island and also to help tourism."

On New Year's Day, the only route onto the Island was jammed with traffic, and at one stage the police made it 'one way' off the Island to sort out the problem.

Arrangements are already being made to ensure that New Year's Day 2014, when the annual swim again takes place, will not suffer repeat problems. But the events of this January illustrated how much Islanders – and visitors – would

welcome a second road.

Mr Evans suggested that the consortium and the Vale Council should come to an agreement, enabling a second route to be built sooner rather than later.

He explained: "We believe that the council can in fact borrow the money to complete this road on a legal agreement whereby the developer can then pay this back on completion of the project.

"I am sure that this is not too difficult a scheme to implement."

'TIE IN'

The Vale Council's director of development services Rob Thomas explained planning permission for the regeneration of the Waterfront required the construction of the new road in phases to tie in with different phases of the regeneration scheme.

He said: "This approach was taken by the then-planning committee as the viability of the scheme was such that delivering the

road as an upfront element of the scheme was not feasible.

"However, all would agree that the sooner the road is constructed to link with the Island the better, not only in terms of improving access to and from the Island but also to encourage wider investment in the Island and also encourage greater visitors."

Mr Thomas added that there had already been a dialogue involving the council and the Waterfront consortium to examine whether a relief road could be brought forward.

"The council is committed to doing everything possible to bring the development of the new road forward, and to this end there have already been discussions with the consortium to establish what options are available to bring forward the provision of the link road. These discussions continue," he said.

'Island parking is confusing' claims local businessman

A Barry Island business owner has appealed to the Vale Council to make more use of the Butlin's car park.

Mark Vockins, who has run the Quasar business located near the train station for the last eight years, told The GEM he was concerned that day-trippers were being lost because of confusion over the car parks.

Mr Vockins told The GEM: "As people come on to the Island they see Harbour Road car park on the right and expect to turn right at the roundabout to find it. "They make that turn and end up down a dead end at Friars Road."

Vehicles should actually turn left and go under the bridge to find their way to the car park. During the winter months until mid-March, parking is free, and although there is a sign with a car symbol and the word 'free' on the causeway road, Mr Vockins says people see 'pay and display' signs when they get to the car

by TIM CHAPMAN

park and are puzzled. "It causes a lot of confusion. People have said to me: 'Is it free? I couldn't find a

"Some people end up doing laps of the Pleasure Park – two or three times, trying to find a space. Some give up and leave. It is business we don't want to miss out on during a quiet time of the year.

"If there was a sign by the Butlin's car park that it was free, people would go there."

Mr Vockins said that during the recent half term the weather picked up at the end of the week, but he witnessed people again driving round the Island looking for somewhere to park. He said that during one spell of fine weather in 2011 – October 11 and 12 – the council opened up the Butlin's car park, charging £4 a day and it was 80 per cent full.

Mr Vockins said the toilets at Jackson's Bay and at Harbour Road should also be open all

year round as a service to day trippers and tourists.

He added: "Tourism is said to be worth £4billion plus a year to Wales. We must do all we can to make sure we capitalise on the business that is out there."

'SUFFICIENT' The operational manager for waste management and cleansing at the Vale Council, Clifford Parish, told The GEM: "Given that both of these public toilets are unmanned, it is not considered appropriate to have them open during the winter months when resort staffing levels are reduced."

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Councillor's new group

A BARRY councillor is seeking to set up a 'Barry People's Group' which would campaign for improvements and take up issues for the people of Barry.

Coun Richard Bertin is aiming to set up the informal group which would meet once a month in the town and will be an open forum with debate, feedback and campaigning.

If you are interested in getting involved please get in touch with Coun Bertin on 01446736227 or email him at rjbartin@ntlworld.com

Huw Lewis brings good news to the Island

THE Minister for Regeneration, Huw Lewis AM, visited the former Butlins site on Nell's Point, Barry yesterday (February 27) to announce the start of works to the area.

The total package, which amounts to £692,000, also includes design work to bring forward a number of schemes that will focus on improving Barry Island as a visitor destination for tourists and residents.

The work at Nell's Point is due to start immediately, and will create an events space to allow the Vale Council and local community to host events.

A temporary car park for local residents and visitors will also be constructed as part of the scheme.

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PENARTH ATTEMPTED ROBBERY: Police issue CCTV image



ABOVE:
CCTV image of a man police want to interview.

POLICE have issued CCTV images of a man, following an attempted robbery at a corner shop in Penarth shortly after 1.30pm on Thursday, January 24.

He entered the shop at the junction of Pill Street and Little Dock Street and threatened a

member of staff, demanding money. After making several demands, all of which were refused, he left the shop as another customer entered.

The man, in his early 20s, spoke with a local accent. He was wearing a dark coloured, waist length, hooded coat and mustard coloured chinos.

Detective Sergeant Dave Thomas at Barry

CID said: "We want to hear from anyone who can identify this person or who may have seen him travelling by train between Penarth and Barry on January 24".

Contact Barry CID on 01446 731606 or 101; or Crime stoppers free on 0800 555111, quoting reference 62130023200.

Stolen RAF clock found

DETECTIVES investigating a burglary, which occurred at the RAF Club on Windsor Road, Penarth, in late December last year, have recovered the distinctive RAF Sector wall clock which was stolen during the incident.

Following the execution of a drugs warrant at a property in Penarth, police arrested a 35-year-old local man and charged him with handling stolen goods.

He will appear at Cardiff Magistrates Court on March 27.

Oak Field saved!

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Mr Cairns continued: "Success breeds success, and I'm sure that the recent improvements at Oak Field Primary, as recognised by Estyn and also publicly by local councillor, cabinet member and school governor at Oak Field, Coun Rob Curtis, will encourage more and more parents to send their children to Oak Field."

Vale AM Jane Hutt welcomed the news, saying: "Having met with Oak Field parents to discuss their strong support for Oak Field School in the Gibbonsdown community, I am delighted that the response from the Leader of the Vale Council and the cabinet member for education, is that the school should not close.

"I back this view and pledge my support to the parents, governors and staff, to ensure that Oak Field school pupils get the best education that the Vale can offer."

The chair of the governors at Oak Field Primary, Linda Ware, said: "As chair of governors, I am absolutely delighted at this apparent change of mind.

"I am very disappointed in the handling of this matter by the local authority and I am unsure if the decision makers have any idea the

impact this whole exercise has had on all involved with the school - especially the children.

"The headteacher, myself and the rest of the governing body are now going to have to pick up the pieces at an already sensitive time."

It is clear that there will be a number of questions to be asked. Last week in his column, Coun Neil Moore said that there would need to be changes in the school system, but it is hard to imagine councillors queuing up to sit on a new Schools Review Group.

The group which came up with the proposals to close the three schools was cross-party, and was made up of five councillors: chairman Nic Hodges (Plaid); Rhianon Birch

(Labour); Howard Hamilton (Labour); Bob Penrose (Independent) and Eddie Williams (Llantwit Major First Independent).

Their report was due to be published as The GEM went to press - even though the cabinet has already rejected its findings.

However, any general strategy in that report could lead to speculation over which school might be next.

However, Andrew RT Davies says that the Vale Council has no need to improve on a 15 per cent surplus place rate - pointing to an answer given to him yesterday by Welsh Government Minister Leighton Andrews.

Speaking in The Senedd, Mr Andrews said: "I challenged 16

local authorities with high levels of surplus places (either with over 20 per cent surplus places, or a forecast of over 20 per cent, in either sector) to consider what progress they could make towards a target of 15 per cent by 2015.

"I then also asked the remaining six local authorities to provide a statement on how they would manage their places to that date, and what their anticipated position would be in 2015.

"Guidance on school organisation proposals sets out that ideally no more than 10 per cent of school places should be empty, and this may be a longer term target for some local authorities than for others."

Helen's charity run

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"At the moment I'm running about 40 miles a week in training, sometimes with my dog Debo, who I got as a rescue dog from Cardiff Dogs' Home."

Running a marathon holds no fears for Helen. She has already completed marathons in Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Germany and Jersey. London will be her English marathon and she also hopes to take part in marathons in France and Italy. She has also completed 20 half-marathons.

Helen said: "I'm a member of the Copthorne Hotel gym and finish my night shift in Tesco, Culverhouse

Cross and go straight over."

Pancreatitis is inflammation of the pancreas and takes place when pancreatic enzymes that digest food are activated in the pancreas instead of the small intestine.

Helen pointed out that the disease has not been researched a huge amount in the past, and there has been little improvement in treatment over the last 40 years.

She said: "We would love to raise £500 for the charity and we hope people will visit our just giving page, just-giving.com/helen-griffiths12, to show their support."

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Public meeting in Rhoose over further housing development

A public meeting has been called in Rhoose by people concerned at the recent approval for 350 new homes on land north of the railway line in the village.

It will take place on Sunday, March 3 at 6.30pm at Stewart Road Community Centre.

Local resident, Mr Paul Humphrey, explained: "Residents are concerned that a number of issues remain outstanding in relation to the Rhoose Point development and countless promises for local

amenities to benefit Rhoose by developers that have never materialised.

"The Vale Council continues to push forward with housing in Rhoose while appearing to ignore the concerns of residents and demonstrating an ignorance of infrastructure issues.

"All Rhoose residents are welcome at the meeting, and our local ward councillors have been invited."

Another local householder, Mr David James, who attended the recent planning meeting on February 7, along with other residents, said local people feared that there wouldn't just

be 350 homes, but more land would be subject to planning consent ending up in a total of 700 new homes in the village.

"As a Rhoose resident, I would like to inform local planners, councillors and our MP that Rhoose does not need or want more houses, and would ask them to consider what Rhoose residents require instead of their purse strings!

"Once this land is built on, it's gone forever!

"I wonder if it's possible for the local authority to think 'outside the box' for once and consider some alternatives for this land."

Mr James said allotments would be welcomed in the village or playing fields because the existing ones at Ceri Road struggle with the parking and do not have a rugby pitch which is Wales' national game.

He said: "The population of Rhoose has grown to that of a small town but our amenities are the same as they were 40 years ago."

Mr James added that it was ironic that Wenvoe residents had been "up in arms" over a development of 150 houses, while Rhoose was facing possibly 700.

WAY TO PLAY AT CADOXTON



ABOVE: The team with the 'play bags'.

CADOXTON Family and Friends Group recently had a visit from 'The Play Team' to promote their 'Way to Play' project, part of the 'Putting Families First Active Play Scheme'.

This promotes physical activities in the home environment, and aims to make these fun and accessible.

Parents who attend the group are given an opportunity to borrow the play bags and give feedback on the activities taken.

Play workers Connor

Boyle and Julia Sky demonstrated the equipment, which included skipping ropes, soft balls, catchers and cones.

Group leader Rowena Hughes, commented: "Anything that engages parents and children to become more active, can only lead to a healthier lifestyle. I think it is a fantastic project."

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'SMILE' group launched at Barry Civic Offices



Members of the SMILE group show Mayor Hacker their achievements so far.

SMILE, a free mental health support group for Barry people, was launched on Friday, February 22 at a conference hosted by the Vale Mayor, Eric Hacker, at the Civic Offices in Barry.

Members of SMILE spoke about their experiences of mental health at the conference.

Richard Bravery said: "I am a member of SMILE - the group has really helped me improve my life and deal with depression."

"I have suffered in the past but with the support of the other members I feel I can now motivate myself to get out and about."

"I hope that speaking at today's conference will encourage others to speak out and get support."

Representatives from mental

health organisations such as Cardiff and Vale Mental Health Development Project (CVMHDP), Journeys, Sefyll, Gofal and Time to Change also shared their experiences at the event and promoted the support that they could offer in addition to the SMILE support group.

SMILE is open to residents living in Barry who would like to receive support from other people with stress, anxiety or depression.

It currently has 12 members and hopes to attract interest from many more people living in the area.

The service, hosted by Newydd Housing Association, was made possible with initial Barry Regeneration Area funding and will continue with funding and support from Public Health Wales and Communities First.

The SMILE group now hopes

to get a committee offering members the opportunity to manage what happens in their sessions and a chance to apply for funding for activities.

Adele Twomey, community wellbeing coach who coordinates the group said: "I hope that the conference is the beginning of a great future for SMILE."

"Members have already seen a great benefit from attending. I hope that many more people will get in touch so that they too can get support from the many services available to them, or merely just speaking to another person with depression."

"If you would like to join, please get in touch with me by calling 07974 956751 or emailing adele.twomey@newydd.co.uk."

Woman author to speak at Readers' Circle

SULLY Readers' Circle will welcome a very special guest to their next meeting when a Cardiff-based author, Leela Dutt, pays the group a visit at 1.30pm in Sully Library on March 5 to talk about her life, travels and inspiration for her books.

The reading group, which meets every four weeks in the Library at Tuesday lunchtime, will have the chance to find out more about Leela and also her novels which include *Mathison, Rubik's Cube* and *Only a Signal Shown*.

Leela is also the founder writer of the internet book club *WonderBookLand.com* which is described as 'The book site for readers by authors' with reviews, articles, interviews and new writing - just the place for a reading group to find inspiration for its next read!

She has led a fascinating life which will no doubt give the reading group a wealth of topics to discuss during her visit. Beginning life in Golders Green, Leela was raised by her Indian father and Danish mother.

Later, Leela married professor of philosophy,

Robin Attfield, and the couple lived in Nigeria and Kenya while raising a young family.

Despite their busy lives, Leela and her husband still found time to travel the world visiting a whole host of interesting places from Beijing to Reykjavik.

Travel is a strong source of inspiration for the novelist. Several of the places Leela has visited feature in her latest novel, *Only a Signal Shown*, a long-distance love story covering three decades at the end of the twentieth century.

Andy Griffiths, community outreach officer with Vale Council library service, said: "Sully Readers' Circle has gone from strength-to-strength since it started two years ago, but there is still room for new members." Andy is also happy to advise others on how to set up their own reading groups.

The Sully Readers' Circle meeting with special guest, Leela Dutt, will start at 1.30pm on March 5 and refreshments will be provided. Booking is essential - please contact Pat at Sully Library on 029 2053 1267 or visit during opening hours Tuesday and Thursday 3pm-6pm, Saturday 9am-1pm. **KB**

Penarth and District Ramblers

RECENTLY, Liz and her five walking companions left foggy Penarth convinced after watching the weather forecast that upon their arrival at Abergavenny the morning would be the same.

Instead, they were greeted with blue skies and clear views! From Llwyn Du they began the task of hauling themselves up the lower slopes of Sugar Loaf Mountain, pausing only for morning refreshment on the steep Rhollen ridge which they followed all the way to the top.

At the 596-metre (1,955ft) summit, it was worth the effort because the views were breathtaking with some of the Black Mountain peaks still covered in snow. The group commenced their descent down a fairly easy track to enjoy lunch in the shelter of a stone wall.

They continued down to the 341-metre Twyn-yr-Allt with its fine views to Abergavenny and returned to their start point.

The next day, Jan and John had glorious warm sunny weather, but with a keen breeze, when they led a half day circular

tour of Southerndown and Ogmore-by Sea beginning from Dunraven and making their way through woods and fields to St Brides Major.

With bright blue skies overhead from the pretty Picot Pool they road-walked up to cross Beacons Down and the delightful Pant Mari Flanders led them downhill to the River Ogmore, where they tramped grassy banks dotted with sheep to the Ogmore Estuary.

Reaching the busy car park at Ogmore-by-Sea, they later continued along the Heritage Coast.

Climbing the cliff near West Farm, with the prevailing easterly wind full in their faces, they continued along the cliff top; before dropping sharply to return to Dunraven Bay, while enjoying fantastic views along the coastline to Nash Point - and the familiar promontory of Trwyn y Witch or Witches Point, after what had been an enjoyable local walk.

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Councillor's fears if car parking charges are introduced in Vale

A BARRY councillor has warned that introducing car parking charges could 'kill local town centres' – as the Vale Council launches proposals for pay and display systems.

Plaid's Ian Johnson, who represents the Buttrills ward which includes much of Holton Road shopping centre, told The GEM that a recent Freedom of Information request had

revealed that there were already more than 60 vacant shop units in Barry.

Coun Johnson said figures from the British Retail Consortium showed that footfall on Welsh high streets had dipped by more than 10 per cent in the past year alone.

Coun Johnson said: "The focus up and down the country has been on revitalising town centres and trying to attract people back, rather than shopping out of town or on-line.

"This threat continues to grow for towns like Cowbridge where there are plans for a new out-of-town shopping centre across the county border a few miles away in Pontyclun.

"Now the Vale Council has announced plans to introduce car parking charges in our town centres which will put those shop local campaigns back to square one.

"This proposal has been sneaked out in a budget line when coun-

cillors were promised a full discussion on town centres after I questioned the cabinet member back in December.

"Town centres in the Vale – in Penarth, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major and Barry High Street – all have large numbers of independent stores while Holton Road's core shopping area was largely full of chain stores.

"Now that those chains have pulled out, we must make sure that those spaces are filled by shops that attract new customers to Holton Road.

"What won't attract people is charging them for shopping in Barry town centre.

"This proposal could kill Barry town centre stone dead."

Councillor Johnson claimed: "The Vale Council stressed that in tough economic times, it was responsible to examine all forms of income generation to protect essential services.

'CORE SERVICES'

A spokesman for the Vale Council emphasised that the Vale Council was one of very few authorities that does not currently levy a charge for town centre car parking.

Miles Punter explained: "Regrettably, the extremely challenging budgetary position that we and other councils are facing over the next few years has forced us to consider all income generation and cost reduction measures in order to best protect the core services that are most important to our residents.

"We are currently examining a range of car park charging options aimed at generating income, while also increasing parking turnover.

"A number of the council's car parks, particularly those closest to our town centres, are used all day by commuters and shop workers, effectively reducing the short term parking available to shoppers

and decreasing economic activity."

Mr Punter said the council accepted that any proposals to charge, and the details of any scheme, would have to take into account the economic impacts on the particular town centre concerned.

He added: "It would be subject to the appropriate consultation arrangements and I can give an assurance that this will be the case before any charging scheme is introduced."

Advice

DYFAN Labour councillors Claire Curtis and Anthony Powell will be holding their monthly drop-in advice surgery for residents of Dyfan Ward on Saturday, March 2 at the Highlight Park Community Centre in Barry – the surgery will run from 11am to 12pm.

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VALE COUNCIL DEFENDS 4.8 PER CENT TAX RISE

THE Vale Council is under attack – after deciding to go for an above-inflation council tax increase this year.

Rival political parties were quickly out of the blocks with statements denouncing the decision, but the Vale Council Leader, Coun Neil Moore, responded by arguing that the extra cash was needed to support the vulnerable and to protect education in the Vale.

For the Conservatives, regional AM Andrew RT Davies said: "It is disappointing to see that the Labour-run Vale Council is now introducing a 4.8 per cent rise in council tax to follow on from the record-breaking seven

per cent hike in the police precept. This will be a blow to residents and difficult to swallow when neighbouring Cardiff Council have confirmed plans to adopt Conservative policy of freezing council tax."

He blamed the Welsh Government for not passing on money made available by Chancellor George Osborne to freeze council tax in England.

However, Coun Moore said that the fact that the Vale was one of the lowest funded in Wales had forced the increase.

He said: "Council tax payers in the Vale have paid a below average council tax for many years, but our council receives one of the lowest settlements in Wales, and does not qualify for

the extra European funding enjoyed by many of our neighbouring councils. We are seen as a well-off county, but our constituents in many areas are certainly not affluent."

Coun Moore continued: "We know this is a difficult time financially for many of our residents and we are aware that increasing council tax will never make any local politician popular."

"However, there is a need to protect the most vulnerable in our society, meaning we have to protect our spending on social services."

"We are also committed to protecting our education budget to give young people in the Vale the best possible future."

"Welfare reforms, foisted on us by central UK government, will

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

undoubtedly add to our costs, alongside the growing demand for social services from our ageing population and vulnerable families placed under strain by the current economic climate."

Plaid Cymru pointed out that a 4.8 per cent rise meant that Vale residents now face the highest increase in south Wales.

Plaid Cymru group leader on the Vale council, Coun Chris Franks, warned that Labour would have to justify the above-inflation tax hike to hard-pressed Vale families. He said: "If the Vale Council is struggling financially then that message must be passed to the Labour government in Cardiff Bay, who are responsible for funding local government."

"Labour in the Assembly promised to 'Stand up for the Vale'. Yet all we seem to hear from Labour AMs is criticism of councils and reduced funding

"The proposed tax rate is more than two per cent higher than inflation and comes at the same

time as a seven per cent police precept increase by Labour Police Commissioner Alun Michael

Band D council tax for the Vale will rise from £940.05 in 2012/13 to £985.14 in 2013/14.

The police precept increase means that the bill for that element of the council tax will rise from £169.92 to £181.28.

Council tax payers in the Vale will also pay a fee to their local town or community council. This varies from council to council, depending on the size of the council and the financial commitments that it has.

Barry Town Council, for example, has set a precept of £49.80, while smaller councils may be considerably less.

Coun Neil Moore said that the council had dipped into its reserves to limit the increase:

"We have taken £1.5 million from our reserves to help balance our budget, but have no

alternative but to propose a 4.8 per cent increase to the council tax. I hope that everyone understands that we have no alternative to make this increase, otherwise services would suffer to an unacceptable level."

"The £218.7m budget for 2013/14 will mean an average Band D rate of £985.14 (excluding police and community council precepts), an increase on the current year of £45.09, less than £1 per week."

He continued: "The social services budget is under significant demographic pressure in both children and young people's services and adult services."

"This budget allows for demographic growth and other pressures facing social services, such as child placements and non-residential care costs. The total growth allowed for 2013/14 is £3.8 million."

"The savings required for 2013/14, at £2.15 million, are in line with the original Social Services Budget Plan. "It will be essential

that tight control over expenditure is maintained in order that no further overspending occurs, so that no unplanned calls on reserves are required."

"The Welsh Government has continued to build into the settlement protection for schools, which is equivalent to one per cent above the change in its revenue funding allocation from the UK Government."

"To fulfil the WG's commitment, we have ensured that the schools budget is increased by at least 2.08 per cent, after adjusting for changes in pupil numbers."

Independent Coun Richard Bertin said: "Having spoken to families in my ward about

the planned increase they are all asking themselves just how are they going to cope."

"Nobody likes to see an increase in council tax but 4.8 per cent is way over the top given the current tough economic climate."

"If agreed, and it is likely unless Llantwit First say no to their partners, the impact on your purse will be massive."

"I certainly know that the Independents on the Vale Council will not be supporting this increase and we call on others, including Llantwit First, to say 'No' to this inflation busting increase."

The council's proposed budget, including the council tax rate, will go before full council on March 6.

Extra cash for walk/cycle route

THE Assembly Government has awarded an extra £15.5k to the Vale Council to carry out ground clearance on a walk/cycle route along a disused railway in Penarth.

"This means construction on the shared pedestrian and cycleway scheme can begin early in the new financial year, avoiding the bird nesting season," a spokeswoman said.

"The route will run through the centre of Penarth, following the line of the disused railway from the town centre through to Lavernock Road. The detailed design for the cycleway will be completed over the next few months and the council will make a scheme can begin early in the new financial year, avoiding the bird nesting season," a spokeswoman said.

details are available," the spokeswoman added.

Town Council's new Fairtrade steering group

BARRY Town Council held a meeting of the newly-formed Fairtrade steering group on Monday, February 18.

The aim of the meeting is for Barry to become a Fairtrade town.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, March 18 at the Town Council offices, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry and will start at 4pm.

Anyone who is interested in Barry becoming a Fairtrade town is welcome to the meeting. The Mayor of Barry, Coun Les Sword, will be holding a Fairtrade coffee morning in aid of the Haiti Appeal on Monday, March 8 at the council chamber, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry.

'Island parking'

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

The highway works manager Stephen Bowen explained that the council opened Butlin's car park over the weekend of October 1, 2011, because the forecast was for unusually high temperatures of up to 26 C.

He said: "This has been the only time in the last eight years that we

have opened the Butlin's car park in October to help with parking issues."

"There is more than sufficient space in the Harbour Road car park for out of season parking. The old Butlin's site is only used to relieve parking problems on particularly busy days."

"We put up the free parking sign during the winter period, but could consider putting an additional sign at the entrance for next winter."

"We do, however, maintain the public toilets on the promenade at Whitmore Bay during both summer and winter."

Friends and Neighbours meet again

FRIENDS and Neighbours' first meeting of the year at Barry, had a good start, with more than 30 members attending at the Senior Health Shop, Holton Road.

They were entertained by Gordon who read his poetry devoted to things of the past, and talked about their forthcoming trip.

New members were made welcome and met old friends who they had not seen for years and made new friends.

They are looking forward to their invitation to Barry Town Council Offices to meet the Mayor, Coun Les Sword, and their next meeting in March when they will be having an Easter party with entertainment from Ageing Well, Llantwit Major Club Choir.

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YOUTH FORUM

Last week, I was pleased to meet with the Vale Youth Forum who were keen to hear more about the Vale Youth Council which the Vale Council is setting up with their support.

Young people between 11 and 25 years old will also be able to vote for a Youth Mayor to represent the voice of young people in the Vale.

The Vale Youth Forum members who attended this meeting in the Civic Offices came from Barry, Penarth and the western Vale and they will be consulted about the way forward in developing the Youth Council.

The Chair of the Vale Youth Forum, Jess Peters, was enthusiastic about the prospects for young people as a representative from the all Wales Youth Assembly, Funky Dragon.

I also met with pupils last week who took part in the Race Equality First Art Competition for the Schools Against Racism 2013 Calendar.

The winning entries included Lauren Taylor and Rhinanna Jones from Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School.

Lauren's message was: "We may look different but we all belong to one human race!"

Rhinanna had the simple message 'Equal' beneath a heart encompassing many national flags of the world. I also praised three-year-old Dionne Brooks from Cadoxton

Nursery for her entry for January 2013.

We have thoughtful children and young people who are learning about the benefits of living in a diverse Wales, thanks to inspiring teachers and parents.

DAFFODIL APPEAL

On Tuesday, I had the privilege of hosting the Great Daffodil Appeal Launch on behalf of Marie Curie in the Senedd.

I also launched the appeal last year and this event provides an opportunity for Marie Curie to inform Assembly Members and guests about their vital work in Wales, carried out in partnership with the NHS.

With over 120 attending this important event, this provided me with the opportunity to congratulate Marie Curie for their commitment to serving Wales and to thank the volunteers and fundraising groups for their hard work, including groups that are active in the Vale.

The Marie Curie Daffodil

Appeal has made an enormous impact during the St David's Day festivities as we all know someone who has benefited from the exceptional care and commitment at the Marie Curie Hospice and through their community services.

Celebrations of St David's Day follow exciting sporting successes last weekend which all boost the morale in challenging times. We need to rise to those challenges using our powers, responsibilities and resources effectively.

SILK COMMISSION

The Welsh Government's evidence to the Silk Commission on Devolution in Wales, published last week, was very clear about the powers of the National Assembly.

We said that we have a commitment to a devolved future for Wales within the United Kingdom and that we should have the powers to enable us to improve the quality of life of people in Wales.

That is what I believe we are all working for in Wales.

Welsh Assembly Notes



by Vale AM
JANE HUTT
(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

News from the Vale Ramblers

THE warm spring sunshine brought out The Vale Ramblers' in force, when 39 of us walked two walks recently.

On February 12, 10 walkers enjoyed our monthly history walk. After visiting the interesting 12th century St James Church, Wick, we then walked from the village green situated at the East end of the village across the fields to Llandow village.

We all enjoyed the fresh breeze and views to the west, north and east of us: in Llandow we strolled around the pretty village, noting places of interest and stopping for a break while looking around the Trinity church area.

We continued our walk towards Clemenstone. The history around this estate is plentiful, and the rolling country side is very attractive.

We then continued back to Wick arriving on the west side of the village.

17, 29 walkers walked from Wenvoe and the warm spring sunshine was out from the start.

Everyone was full of enthusiasm to be out walking on such a lovely day. Our leaders led us out of the attractive village of Wenvoe. We walked in a figure of eight over pretty countryside to Michaelston le Pit and back to Wenvoe.

The route took in lovely views surrounding us in every direction as we walked. What a pleasure to sit for breaks in the sunshine. To also see the snowdrops and spring flowers coming out.

The two walks were obviously very muddy but what a bonus, the floods were disappearing and thanks to diligent leaders, we were able to complete the walks without having to turn back.

Every one will get a warm welcome when you join us for the spring/summer walks. For details of future walks, visit www.vale-of-glamorganramblers.co.uk.

On Sunday, February

Margaret Scott

FROM RADIO-1 TO CYRES SOUND!

RADIO waves of excitement spread through St Cyres School in Penarth as pupils were visited by former-Radio 1's newsreader Dominic Byrne, for a day of voice training and vocal recording techniques.

He left The Chris Moyles Show, which was Radio 1's breakfast show, in September and has since been training radio presenters and professional speakers, but this was the first school he had ever visited.

He was really impressed with the pupils and, after spending just a small amount of time with them, he was really

surprised at how much they learned.

The BTEC performing arts students have to complete course work on vocal performance so they spent individual time with Dom reading monologues and recording their performances.

He then gave advice and guidance on how they could sound more realistic and natural and then recorded their performances again. Pupils were amazed at the improvements they made in such a short space of time.

Director of the performing arts faculty, Mrs Fowler-Thomas, said: "The BTEC course is extremely hands-on, allowing pupils to gain real life experience ready for entering the industry."

"So far the class has had training from a West End actor in *Blood Brothers*, they have visited various media companies and now they have had training from one of the most famous radio news readers and voices in the country."

St Cyres School has its own radio station, Cyres Sound which can be listened to from the school's website (www.stcyres.org).

Since Cyres Sound

launched in September 2011, it has been an absolute hit with the pupils who organise, produce and present their own shows during lunch times and after school.

It has also proved to be a great learning tool for the pupils, helping them to develop lots of essential skills.

When pupils are not in the studio, the radio station still broadcasts hit songs 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Music teacher and Cyres Sound co-ordinator, Mr Hopkin, said: "Dom has so much experience and has spent years on such a high-profile show that to hear his voice on our school radio station was unbelievable."

"He was such nice person who got on so well with all of us and we hope to use him again for next year's class."

"The performing arts faculty in St Cyres School is a really exciting place to be, with further plans to expand the radio station by adding a video feed from the studio so that the listeners can see the pupils broadcasting live. Watch this space!"

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Vale thieves steal 12 water drainage grids

METAL thieves have stolen 12 highway surface water drainage gully grids across the Vale.

A Vale Council spokeswoman said: "Nine grids were thought to have been stolen overnight between February 19-20."

"Five drainage grids were stolen from Arlington Road, Sully; three grids were stolen from the Dinas Powys area - one from Denbigh Road, another from Dunraven Close, and Lettons Way. The thieves also stole a grid from the Ponsarn area near

Pendoylan."

She added that a further three grids were reported stolen on February 21 morning; one gully grid was stolen from Brockhill Rise in Penarth, another from Edith Road, Dinas Powys and also from Brooklands Terrace near Culverhouse Cross.

All 12 thefts have been reported to the police and it is estimated the cost of replacing each grid will be in the region of £200.

The council's highway works manager, Stephen Bowen, said: "We're asking the public to please be aware that these thefts have taken place, and are continuing to take place in the Vale. If you see anything suspicious, perhaps involving a van or vehicle in your street, or you notice any unusual activity on one of the roads, please contact the council or the police with any details."



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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Vale Council's 'panic and chaos' over school closures

TWO weeks ago, I wrote in this regular column about the proposals to close three primary schools in the Vale.

Since that article I have barely been able to believe how the local authority has reacted in relation to the issue of their own school closures. As GEM readers will be well aware, the three schools involved are Llanfair and Llanfarcarn in the rural Vale and Oak Field Primary in the heart of Gibbonsdown in Barry.

I'm certain that the public outcry from parents and governors at the two rural schools and the support from The GEM caused panic and a quick change of mind by the cabinet member responsible for children's services, about the proposed closure of Llanfair and Llanfarcarn Primary Schools. Oak Field was left hanging, without even the courtesy of a visit from any councillor or Assembly Member.

Oak Field is one of Barry's fastest improving schools. Over the last 12 months it has been recognised by Estyn for the improvements and at the end of 2012, local councillor and member of the Vale cabinet, Coun Rob Curtis, wrote to the local press congratulating the school on its improvements.

I attended the public meeting at the school last week as parents and governors looked to co-ordinate their campaign to fight the proposed closure. It is obvious to me that parents are angry and are up for the fight.

They feel let down by councillors they thought they could trust – none of whom attended their public meeting, including one that sits as a governor for Oak Field.



Vale MP Alun Cairns
reports to GEM readers

The contrast is remarkable. As soon as there was a change of policy, with a plan not to close Llanfair and Llanfarcarn, the cabinet member for children's services, Coun Elmore was keen to visit the schools, seemingly to claim credit.

Oak Field Primary is in one of the most deprived communities in Wales and the school plays a vital part within the community. It is as important to the area of Gibbonsdown as any other school is to any other community. Until this week, there had been no interest in visiting Oak Field.

However, as we go to press, the word is out that the Vale cabinet is also withdrawing from closing Oak Field. This smacks of panic and chaos.

I will be truly delighted if the parents win the day, but we cannot guarantee that to be the case until the final votes are taken on March 4. The cabinet is in chaos, with very different views being

expressed from one day to the next. Presumably, nothing would stop them from changing their minds again?

Success breeds success, and I'm sure that the recent improvements at Oak Field Primary, as recognised by Estyn and others, will encourage more parents to use the school.

This has also drawn a strong sense of community feeling from parents and I know they will want to play a full part in securing the school's success. I am determined to do all possible to support them.

There are several lessons that stem from this chaotic saga. The first is that parents can win the day when their arguments are sensible and logical. Secondly, the local authority need to be open and transparent and should not put headteachers and chairmen of governors in such an impossible position.

The authority also need to lobby the Welsh Government for greater freedom in organising schools. It is their policy that led to such a chaotic position.

Finally, pupils need to be at the centre of all decisions. This sorry tale has worried and traumatised young children; many assumed they wouldn't see their friends again and thought that they wouldn't be able to go to school.

I congratulate all the parents, governors and pupils for their campaigning. The communities pulled together and deserve full recognition for their triumph.

To guarantee their long term futures, we need specific reasons why the cabinet do not want to close the schools.

Should we return to this position in a year or two, we need to be able to revert to the reasons why to block any future plan for closure.

HERO OR VILLAIN?

DAVID EPHRAIM will be speaking to members of Penarth Aviation Society about the life and times of Italo Balbo, Italy's pioneering Air Marshal on Friday March 1.

Italo Balbo became marshal of the infant Italian Air force in 1929 when he was 32 years old, and gave his name to large formation flights of aircraft, still called 'balbos'.

In the early days of flying, the Italian was feted as a hero when in 1930 he organised inter-continental flights, which included 12 Savola Marchetti flying boats from Tuscany to Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, and another formation flight of 22 seaplanes from northern Italy to Chicago.

President Roosevelt asked him to lunch, the

Sioux Indians made him Chief Flying Eagle, and streets were, and still are, named after him.

He was also a Fascist and leader of gangs of thugs and bullies who beat up and murdered socialists and communists. During the war flying over Tobruk he was shot down and killed by mistake by his own side.

He leaves a complex reputation: was he a brave man (he invited a Jew to a special lunch with Hitler, who was furious); a patriot (he

called Mussolini 'Hitler's shoe-shine boy' and thought Italy was fighting on the wrong side, and Mussolini called him a 'democratic pig'); a daring and imaginative aviator; a violent criminal – or all four?

Penarth Aviation Society meets at the Penarth Conservative Club at 7.45pm for 8pm on the first Friday of each month. Visitors are welcome. Further information from David Ephraim (01446 721321).

St David's Day in Belvedere Park

BELVEDERE Park is hosting a **St David's Day competition for the best Welsh costume** in **Barry on Friday, March 1 at 4pm.**

There will be prizes for first, second and third places free refreshments and Welsh cakes in the Community Café.

To find out more, contact Jean on 01446 403549. Volunteers to help in the park are also being sought.

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'KEEP AN EYE ON THE TIDE'

say Coastwatch volunteers

VOLUNTEERS at Nell's Point National Coastwatch Station are warning about the dangers of being cut off by the tide after a weekend incident at Sully Island left three people needing treatment for hypothermia.

At 2.40 pm on Sunday (February 24) duty watchkeepers at the station became concerned about five people who

were on Sully Island, attempting to get back to the mainland on a rising tide.

A spokesman said: "Four were then seen to enter the water and cross over and were clearly struggling to do so. The fifth remained on the island and was cut off."

"HM Coastguard was informed and a rescue was co-ordinated by them when they alerted the Penarth Lifeboat, who rescued the fifth individual from the island."

"The four who had

entered the water managed to make it to the mainland but were suffering from hypothermia and were treated at the scene.

"Three of them were taken by ambulance to the UHW, Heath, Cardiff, and were released after further treatment."

A spokesman for the National Coastwatch Institution, Nells Point, Barry Island said:

"We regularly observe people visiting Sully Island at low tide which is the correct time to visit."

"Leaving the return journey too late when the tide is rising is dangerous."

"Once the causeway is covered, you cannot check your footing and this is when panic sets in. Obviously the cold weather and time of year add to the danger."

"Mindful of this, the duty watchkeepers acted very quickly and thankfully, no serious injury appears to have occurred."

The National Coastwatch Station, Nells Point is manned by trained volunteers who keep watch during daylight hours 365 days of the year.

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Vale Ramblers find a hidden valley in park

AFAN Forest Park is a hidden valley where you enter an unexpected landscape of forested mountain slopes and steep river valley, rich in history.

It became a Forest Park in 1972 after the closure of the last mine in 1970, but from its history of monastic estates, agriculture and mining, this land of scattered farmsteads, ancient woodlands, viaducts, disused railways and mined land there is a great forest and woodland. It was in this interesting landscape that the Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers had a lovely Sunday walk.

The day was cold, but we soon warmed up as we started walking along the track before making our way to the Gyfylchi Ridgetop - a climb of 800 feet, but it was well worth the effort as it gave us some fantastic views of the valley and beyond.

Continuing on our way, we came to the ancient ruins of Nant y Bar Farm, a traditional longhouse that has been preserved due to European Funding.

Another interesting ruin along the trail was the Gyfylchi 'Chapel of Ease', this had been an important place of rest and prayer for the earlier travellers journeying

north/south on an ancient ridgeway track, and in the 18th century was restored by Welsh Methodists to become an important chapel in the Calvinist movement.

At this point, we picked up the Penrhys Trail, which offered spectacular views of the Afan Valley, Swansea, the Gower and beyond to the Somerset coast. Descending quite steeply, this gave us a superb view of Pontrhydyfen, a village renowned for its many river crossings, the aqueduct which was built in 1825 and took water to Oakwood Ironworks, and the railway viaduct which carried coal from the valleys to Port Talbot until 1972.

We must also not forget its most famous son, Richard Burton - there is a trail that can be taken round the village called the Richard Burton Trail.

Making our way back on the track, following the course of the River Afan for a couple of miles, we made our way back to the visitors' centre to sample the lovely cakes and refreshments that were on offer at the cafe.

Visit valeofglamorganramblers.co.uk for further information, also follow us on facebook and twitter.

Gwenda Fitzpatrick

Best Kept Village competition has 10 reasons to celebrate

THE year 2013 is the Diamond Jubilee Year for the Vale's Best Kept Village competition, which was started in 1953 to mark the coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth II, and has been held every year since.

Competition secretary Carole Alexander said: "The aims of the competition are to enhance the local environment and preserve the character of the villages, as well as encouraging communities to work together to be proud of the area in which they live."

"All community councils have received an invitation to enter and it is hoped that they will encourage local groups such as the WI, residents associations and community centres to work together to arrange an entry for their area."

The top four winning villages all receive cash prizes: first prize: £500, second prize: £350, third prize: £200 and fourth prize: £100.

The overall winner receives an engraved brass plaque which they keep, as well as the Best



Newly elected chairman, Irena Wasilewska with president John Curteis and secretary Carole Alexander

Kept Village silver cup to retain for one year.

To mark the 2013 milestone of the competition, the committee has decided to award a special prize for a 'Diamond Jubilee Feature'. There will be a cash prize and commemorative plaque for the winning feature.

Judging will take place towards the end of June when the judges will be looking for community effort, well-maintained grass verges and hedgerows, absence of litter and rubbish, and colourful flower displays.

Running alongside the village competition is the schools' competition and all schools in the Vale will receive information on how to enter the competition.

The Best Kept Village competition has been sponsored by the Vale Council, town and community councils, LGA Limited, Dyffryn Gardens and Ffos Las Racecourse and Conference Centre.

For further information please contact Carole Alexander on 07751 372537 or by email at carole.alexander1@hotmail.co.uk

An away day to the National Trust HQ

THE Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust Members and Volunteers is organising a trip to National Trust Headquarters in Swindon (by train from Cardiff Station) on Friday, March 1.

The association visits Heelis in Swindon tomorrow (Friday) for a tour of the facility, followed by lunch.

We are meeting in the main concourse at Cardiff Central Station at 10am to get the 10.25am train to Swindon (travel cost around £9.65).

Email vofgamt@gmail.com or telephone 01447 772325 for more details.

The AGM will be held in The Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge, on Wednesday, April 17, and it is hoped that the association will continue with new volunteers joining from Dyffryn.

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Vale pub is fined for six hygiene offences

A VALE pub has been fined £3,000 for six food hygiene offences, after an investigation by the Vale Council's environmental health team.

Cuisine Inns Ltd, trading as the Barley Mow Inn, in Craig Penlyn, failed a routine food hygiene inspection on March 6, 2012.

An environmental health officer served a

Hygiene Improvement Notice with a compliance date of March 29, 2012, ordering a thorough deep clean of the premises.

However, when officers visited the pub on March 30, 2012, they discovered the business had failed to comply with the notice.

Tubs of chicken liver had also been left to defrost in the cellar, contrary to the procedures listed in the food safety

management system.

The council's head of public protection, Alun Billinghurst, said: "The premises were found to be in a poor state of cleanliness, the equipment was dirty and food was not being stored at the correct temperature to prevent the growth of bacteria which cause food poisoning."

"A refrigerator containing food was running at 15.4°C, which is within the danger zone.

"Food safety management procedures were clearly not being followed in terms of cleaning and food storage."

"Our officer ordered a thorough deep clean of the premises, but the business failed to do so."

The prosecution case for the Barley Mow Inn (Cuisine Inns Ltd) was heard in Cardiff Magistrates Court on February 7, 2013.

The business was fined £3,000 for six food

hygiene offences, ordered to pay £500 costs and £15 victim surcharge.

The six offences were:

1. Failure to comply with a Hygiene Improvement Notice (for cleaning the premises), thereby contravening Food Hygiene (Wales) Regulations 2006 Regulation 6 (2)

2. Failure to maintain a food business in a clean condition, thereby contravening Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 Annex II Chapter I Para.1

3. Failure to maintain articles, fittings and equipment in a clean condition, thereby contravening Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 Annex II Chapter V

Para.1 (a)

4. Failure to store food at the correct temperature which might result in a risk to health, thereby contravening Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 Annex II Chapter IX Para. 5

5. Failure to thaw food in such a way as to minimise the risk of pathogenic micro-organisms or the formation of

toxins in the food, thereby contravening Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 Annex II Chapter IX Para. 7

6. Failure to implement procedures based on the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point principles, thereby contravening Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 Article 5 Para 2(d).

Police appeal for suspect

POLICE in the Vale are appealing for information concerning the whereabouts of Andrew Thomas Smith.

Smith (43) is wanted on suspicion of breaking into Llandough Baptist Church between 12.40pm on Wednesday, December 19 last year and midday the following day.

Police say Smith is believed to be of no fixed residence, but is well known in the Barry area.

Anyone with information concerning his whereabouts, is asked to contact PC Natasha O'Rourke at Barry police station on 101, or free and anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 (quoting reference number 62120397207).

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Volunteer planters at Jubilee Woodland



The tree planting detail take a break for the camera!

LOCAL volunteers were joined by the Vale MP, Alun Cairns, and Coun Gwyn John, of Llantwit Major – to plant trees at the Jubilee Woodland in Wenvoe recently.

As part of Diamond Jubilee celebrations, millions of people across the UK have been planting trees and creating new woodlands to create lasting legacies for generations to come.

With funding from Glastir Woodland Creation Scheme, Tidy Towns and the Vale of Glamorgan Council and assisted by Coed Cadw, Woodland Trust – native trees have been planted including field maple, oak, alder and rowan.

The MP joined local councillors and volunteers to help finish planting the remaining saplings at the site just off Caerau Lane in Wenvoe.

"I'm so impressed by the volunteers' hard work. The Jubilee Woodland is a wonderful local amenity for Wenvoe and I was only too happy to pick up a spade to help plant the remaining saplings," he commented.

RNLI AGM

The annual general meeting of the Penarth fundraising branch of the RNLI will be held at Penarth Yacht Club on Wednesday, March 13 at 2.30pm, and is open to the public.

Marathon man runs for the lifeboat

MEMBERS of the Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat community welcomed Alun Cairns MP to the station on February 21 to thank him for pledging to run the London Marathon for the lifesaving charity.

The MP for the Vale met volunteer crew, members of the fundraising and education teams and others who keep the station running and ready to respond to an emergency 24/7.

Mr Cairns said: "In the port and seaside town of Barry, the RNLI lifeboat is of vital importance. I have been very impressed by the commitment and the hard work carried out by volunteers at the station who are doing an amazing job."

"I hope that my marathon run will go some way towards raising the £10,000 the station needs to raise to pay for a pontoon that will enable the lifeboat to launch more safely and quickly than before."

He was given a tour of the Trent class RNLI lifeboat and Coxswain Hugh Davies, said: "Alun was very interested to hear that the fuel costs alone reach

£12,500 a year just at this station, so we are always grateful for the support given to us by the people of Barry, the Vale and beyond that helps to ensure that we are ready to carry out a rescue whenever our help is needed."

Talk for NFU Ladies

THIRTY-FIVE members of Vale NFU Ladies met at Penlllyn Hall and listened intently to Rebecca Rekey, who gave a slide show and informative talk on the Physic Garden at Cowbridge.

Without volunteers like Rebecca, the garden would simply not exist. It started with the Historic Garden Society and Heritage Lottery Fund, and has opened up the rear of the Old Hall.

This is a prestige garden in the Vale, which is used regularly by local people and visitors from around the World. A vote of thanks was given by June Studley. JS

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Youth project's free event

WITH the half term upon us, the Cadoxton Youth Project continued with its free events.

Rita Limbrick and the team had family fun sports and activities at Cadoxton Sports Hall, which is situated at the top of Church Road, behind Cadoxton Primary School, just by Victoria Park that commands spectacular vistas of Barry Town.

From February 9-17, the local youth project gave a free service to all families, allowing them to play in the wonderful facilities of the sports hall.

The youth project also gave out free fruit and drinks to the youths who attended.

Nicky Cusson brought the Olympic torch, which he carried in Barry for the London 2012 Olympics, for everyone to see.

There were competitions as well. Dylan and Theo came respectively in the drawing competition. In the highly-contested crossbow target shooting contest, Jordan came an impressive first with an unparalleled perfect score in one round.

Archie took a convincing second and Alfie held third with a constant performance. The family with the most sportsmanship went to the Jones and the Christoferato families. The Ewans' and Limbricks' took joint second.

The Cadoxton Youth Project will be holding the next event at the Sports Hall in Easter. Follow us on Facebook.

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MYSTERY OF THE BLACK LADY OF BOVERTON

THE hamlet of Boverton (or Trebefered in Welsh) lies a short distance east of the parish of Llantwit Major, and 4½ miles south of Cowbridge in the Vale of Glamorgan.

A hamlet is a settlement that has no church. Located on the Boverton Road, the locality is thought to have been founded by William the Conqueror where he built a castle in 12th Century.

However, it was Robert Fitzhamon who took the credit for the stronghold's creation, so its origins remain a mystery.

Boverton actually dates back to the Bronze Age period, with evidence of Iron Age and Roman relics found throughout the area.

It derives its name

from the Latin for Berton which is the Roman fort of Bovium, as it is understood that the Romans settled here too.

It was also the 'hold' of ancient Princes of Morganwg, which was where a baronial fortalice was owned by the Lords of Cardiff before falling into the hands of the Seys family.

During the Middle Ages, Roger Seys, a landowner and Attorney General of Wales, rebuilt the castle between 1587 and 1589. The daughter of Griffith Vos married Roger Seys, giving indications of how the castle remained within the family for generations until the middle of the 18th Century.

It was then abandoned and left to the elements of nature, which inevitably forced it into a ruinous state. Evidence of the castle's remains can still be seen today.

A sizeable manor house is also known to have stood near the site of the castle and was called Boverton Place. It was given to Griffith Vos (Vaulx) by Jasper Tudor (uncle of Henry VIII).

King John I was also hidden within the manor house by his estranged wife, which had mysterious factors concerning the signing of the Magna Carta.

This tale could be a case of folklore, as he did sign this important Charter in 1215.

On its outskirts, and within walking distance of the village, Stout Bay, Penry Bay, the pebble beach of Limbert Bay and the Seawatch Centre at Summerhouse Point can be reached.

The Seawatch Centre stands on high cliffs about a mile from the village and was originally built in the 18th Century on the remains of an Iron Age fort.

In the 1820s, a new

farmhouse was built, appropriately named Boverton Place. It was constructed within the grounds of the ruinous castle and possibly on the site of the old manor house.

It was during this century that information about the community of Boverton was written in a column by John Marius Wilson in the Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales.

This took place between 1870 and 1872, so the village gained publicity at that time.

As with many towns and villages throughout the county, it was during the 19th Century that Boverton attracted

many differing trades, including a now forgotten tannery.

It was also the time of the Industrial Revolution, and villagers would travel to nearby locations in search of employment.

From 1936-1961, the Welsh Land Settlement Association, established by Captain Crawshaw, took over the running of Boverton Place.

His enterprise then expanded over time to include a model farm of 650 acres.

He employed people from the mining communities who had become unemployed because of ill health or disability, and was,

therefore, well-established in the community.

Today, Boverton holds very little trade except for shops, a post office, and the Boverton Castle public house. But its historical roots still remain as a topic of conversation.

With such a wide variety of historical figures for such a small rural community, it would seem that

Boverton is no stranger to occurrences of the supernatural kind.

The phantom image of a lady dressed in black with a scarlet bodice and flouncing blue petticoat parades Pont-yr-Ysbyrd (haunt-

ed bridge).

Her tall, dark exterior giving the impression of holding her arms akimbo, and her life-like appearance seems to be in search of someone or something.

But who (or what) could she be looking for, and why does she seem so intent in lingering in that particular area?

However, quarrymen from our past found the mystifying remains of two skeletons abandoned behind a hedgerow, so could this mystic lady be hunting for her earthly corpse, hoping for a Christian burial?

Around Boverton

Place, the shadowy figure of a lady wearing old fashioned clothing has been seen on many occasions stalking its grounds.

Eerily, she chants the name 'Wissa' into the atmosphere, sending shivers down the spines of those who hear her.

Could this solemn-looking lady be Hadwisa, the divorced wife of King John, affectionately known as Wissa to locals, or just another case of vicarious imagination?

Fact or fiction? Only you can decide...

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Inspiring Vale youth workers honoured

RIGHT: The Deputy Minister for Skills, Jeff Cuthbert, with the winner of outstanding volunteer youth worker, Tom Sander.

YOUTH workers in the Vale have been recognised for their hard work and dedication at this year's 'Youth Work Wales' excellence awards.

The awards, organised by the Welsh Government, are a chance for youth workers, youth projects and young people involved in youth work to be recognised by the communities they serve.

Tom Sander, from Aberdare, won the award for 'outstanding volunteer youth worker' for his support of the Vale Youth Service. Tom has set up a number of workshops to support young people, building their confidence and self-esteem.

His work has inspired a number of young men to become youth workers themselves.

Jason Harvey, from Barry, won the award for 'outstanding part-time youth worker'. He began volunteering more than 13 years ago and has con-



The Deputy Minister for Skills, Jeff Cuthbert, with the winner of outstanding part-time youth worker, Jason Harvey.

tinued to develop his youth work skills by running and supporting a number of different youth events in the community.

The Deputy Minister for Skills, Jeff Cuthbert said: "Every year I continue to be overwhelmed by the selfless dedication given by people to youth work in their communities. These awards are

our chance to give something back and say thank you."

This year's awards were presented by Radio 1 DJ Huw Stephens, who dedicated his time to the cause for the second year running.

He said: "I'm really pleased to be involved with the Youth Work Wales Excellence Awards again this year."

"It's fantastic to see so many young people getting involved in various projects, working alongside dedicated youth workers."

WORKSHOPS

ON Saturday, March 16, national Learn to Play day will be celebrated in Llantwit Major with free one-hour workshops on how to play the keyboard. These sessions will be suitable for any age, and absolute beginners, or those who have played before but let it lapse.

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Slimming in a good cause

VALE slimmers are taking part in a sponsored slim to raise funds for Ty Hafan and Velindre Hospital.

Members of the Rhosue and Llantwit Major Slimming World group are taking part in the weight loss club's national 'Slim for Good' campaign.

Members of the group

voted for the local cause they most wanted to support, and Ty Hafan hospice and Velindre Hospital, Cardiff, were the winners.

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A FOOD AND DRINK MASTERCLASS WITH MICHEL ROUX JR

Michel Roux Jr treated me to a masterclass in soufflé-making and the chef patron of Le Gavroche also discussed why he helped to revive the old-school BBC show Food And Drink, writes *Diana Pilkington*.

"Are you left-handed?" jokes Michel Roux Jr, as my right arm prods limply at the ingredients of my first ever creme patissier.

Winning from the heat of the stove, I am clearly a far cry from the professionals the two-star Michelin chef is used to scrutinising on TV.

And to make matters worse, we're tackling one of cooking's most fearsome tasks -

the soufflé.

More precisely, it's an omelette soufflé Rothschild, a Cointreau-enriched dream of a dessert that's been on the menu at Le Gavroche in various guises since Roux's father and uncle opened the restaurant in 1967.

"A lot of qualified chefs get worried about making soufflés, so this is going to be a big step for you," Roux adds, with a characteristic twinkle in his eye. No pressure then.

I feel like a bit of a spare part in the presence of such culinary greatness.

Roux has to step in a few times to rescue my wilting egg whites, but I'm determined to make the most of it.

Roux can currently be seen fronting the magazine show Food

And Drink on BBC Two.

He says: "I wouldn't want to denigrate the old Food And Drink because I used to watch it and was an avid follower."

"But I felt that one was very structured and formal and a bit too serious, whereas this is lighter and far more accessible to viewers."

So how does today's Food And Drink stand out in a market that's already packed with food programmes?

"It has to be different," he says.

"There are a lot of cookery competitions on television - MasterChef included - and the straight cooking programmes have their place as well."

"This show is topical. We choose a topic, such as feeding the world, and follow that theme through the programme."

Sadly, there was one red-hot issue they were unable to get their teeth into.

"It's a shame we



Writer Diana Pilkington with Michel Roux Jr.

weren't in the studios when the horsemeat story broke because we could have gone into that one in great depth," says Roux, who was horrified by the news of contaminated meat products.

"It's not the issue of

whether we should be eating horsemeat or not. It's the labelling. And that is shocking."

"The consumer should know what they are eating. That's a basic right."

Although he's frequently on the telly,

Roux's busy schedule means he rarely gets a chance to watch it. Nonetheless, there are a number of television chefs who he admires.

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The Dining Room



Mother's Day

Sunday, 10th March
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COOKING WITH MICHEL ROUX JR

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Michel said: "Some of Rick Stein's cooking programmes were stunning and he's such a nice man as well. But nowadays I love Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood. What they do is fantastic and what it's done for baking is brilliant."

On the subject of baking, our omelette soufflé Rothschild is coming along nicely – even the meringue, which Roux says is the bit that causes the most fretting.

"People are a bit scared of over-mixing the egg whites and then losing all the air in it but actually the first bit of mixing can be quite vigorous."

According to Roux, it's careful planning and methodical work that separates the professionals from the amateur chefs, and breaking a task down into stages can take the stress out of the most daunting recipe.

"This is a perfect example," he says, removing our fluffy, perfectly risen pudding from the oven, turning it onto a plate and scattering it with boozy apricots.

"The apricots can be made weeks in advance and kept in an airtight jar in the fridge. The sauce as well. Then, before serving, it's a five-minute job; then you put in the oven and it's done. It's all in the preparation."

I fear I may have been more of a hindrance than a help with the cooking, but when it comes to eating the thing, I'm more than happy to get stuck in!

Here's the recipe from Michel Roux Jr for you to try at home... Omelette soufflé Rothschild (Serves 4)

250ml milk
3 egg yolks
50g caster sugar plus 1tbsp
40g plain flour
1 good measure Cointreau
8 egg whites
For the apricots:
250ml water
150g caster sugar
1 vanilla pod split
20 dried apricots
2 measures Cointreau

Boil the water, sugar and vanilla then pour over the apricots, add a measure of Cointreau, cover and leave to macerate overnight.

Remove 12 apricots and a little of the syrup and reserve for the garnish. Puree the remaining apricots with another measure of Cointreau to make a light sauce. If too thick, add a little syrup from the apricots.

Bring the milk to the boil. Whisk the yolks with 50g of sugar until creamy then add the flour, and pour on the boiling milk and mix well. Return to the pan and bring back to the boil stirring continuously. Remove from the heat and stir in a measure of Cointreau.

Heat six to eight blini pans (12cm diameter) over a medium heat. Whisk the egg whites with 1 tablespoon of caster sugar until soft peaks form. Stir in half to the egg yolk mixture then lightly fold in the rest. Butter the blini pan and spoon in the mixture and then cook in the oven at 180°C for 6-8 minutes.

Then turn out onto the plates and serve immediately with the warmed apricot sauce, and if you like, a little double cream.

Sebastian and Meg looking for a home

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Great War 'trench experience' in Barry

LOCAL history group Barry at War has been successful in its application to join the Imperial War Museum's First World War Centenary Partnership.

The partnership is a network of over 850 local, regional, national and international cultural and educational organisations led by IWM (Imperial War Museum).

Together, they aim to present a global programme of cultural events and activities which will enable millions of people across the world to discover more about life in the First World War.

Barry at War spokesman Ade Pitman explained, "The centenary of the First World War will be marked worldwide during 2014-18, and Barry at War group are keen to ensure that the region has a suitable facility with which to commemorate this important centenary, and one which will leave an educational legacy thereafter."

"In preparation for this, our dedicated volunteers have created a Great War 'trench experience' prototype in the Glamorgan Wartime Heritage Centre at Barry Tourist Railway."

"This prototype has taught our team how to create such an interactive exhibit, and showcases just what can be achieved with few resources."

"The Barry Memorial Hall, was built to remember those Barrians who

did not return from the Great War, and most villages in Glamorgan have a memorial to remember their fallen."

"We're keen to ensure that the people on these memorials, the events that took place and the way the war changed all of our lives are suitably remembered and understood."

"Along with remembrance, there are very real heritage tourism and educational opportunities afforded by the First World War Centenary that could be realised as part of Barry's regeneration."

Barry at War volunteer Wayne Gill, said: "Having been one of the creators of the Great War trench experience, I was filled with pride when one visitor commented that our trench was just like what they had seen at a museum in the Somme, France."

"One of my grandfathers died during this battle, so building the trench feels like a fitting tribute to his memory."

You can see the Great War trench experience and meet some 'People of the Past' at the next open day on Sunday, March 10. Admission is free and the doors open at 11 am.

You can find out more about the Glamorgan Wartime Heritage Centre at the website www.wartimeglamorgan.co.uk or by calling Ade Pitman on 07930 874161.

'Make cystic fibrosis drug available in Wales' – says MP

THE Vale MP called this week for a drug available in England to be made available to people with cystic fibrosis in Wales.

Alun Cairns called on the Minister for Health & Social Services in the Welsh Government to accelerate the assessment process for the drug that targets the basic genetic defect associated with cystic fibrosis.

Ivacaftor (Kalydeco) is the first licensed drug that targets the basic genetic defect, G551D. The drug is said to significantly improve the wellbeing of those with the condition.

The MP said: "I have learnt that the transformational drug was licensed in the US in 2012, and was approved by the EU in July 2012. Similarly the NHS in England began funding the drug in January 2013, with Scotland due to do so in March 2013."

"However, the Welsh Government Minister responsible for Health is yet to confirm if or when the drug will be made available in Wales."

"I am concerned that individuals who live in Wales are not able to access the same drugs as people in England – which ultimately could have a significant positive impact on their lives."

"I have written to the Welsh Government Minister for Health & Social Services to ask



ABOVE: Alun Cairns MP with Lyn Thomas and his daughter Nancy who suffers from cystic fibrosis.

her to confirm the current position in Wales and to urge her to reach a decision as quickly as possible so that people in Wales with cystic fibrosis can benefit as soon as possible.

"Having been contacted by constituents who wish to receive this drug, I don't wish it to be the case that cystic fibrosis sufferers aren't able to receive the best and most appropriate treatment for their condition, simply because they live in Wales."

A Welsh Government spokesperson told The GEM: "In determining the effectiveness of medicines such as ivacaftor and their potential benefit to patients, the Welsh Government is guided by the recommendations of the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) and the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG)."

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TWELVE people were arrested in the Vale of Glamorgan last week, thanks to information provided by the Vale Council's CCTV monitoring team.

CCTV operators contacted the police on 39 occasions during the week ending February 24.

One person was arrested for alleged theft on February 19 in Barry and two others arrested in Barry on February 21 over possession of a class B drug with intent to supply.

In Barry on February 22 one person was arrested on an outstanding warrant and another

person was arrested in connection with a burglary. Police also arrested a person wanted on warrant and another two people were arrested in connection with a burglary in Barry on the same day.

One person was arrested for alleged drink driving, another person was arrested concerning criminal damage and a third person was arrested for alleged theft in Barry on February 23.

Police arrested a person concerning theft and a public order offence in Llantwit Major on February 23.

UFO 'sighting'

COULD Mr Rawlings be mistaken in respect of sighting a UFO over a well-attended car boot sale in Sully in July 2007, whilst simultaneously viewing Concorde?

I only pose this prospect on the basis that I understood Concorde to have been retired by 2007. It may be he just got the year wrong?
Richard Price,
Gileston.

Healthy living is on the curriculum!



An introduction to Karate was just one of many sporting activities available to students.

NOW in its fifth year, the annual Healthy Living Week at Barry Comprehensive School has become established as a focal point of the spring term calendar with students and staff taking part in a wide range of activities promoting healthy eating, healthy bodies, healthy minds, healthy relationships and – for the first time this year – a healthy planet.

Fresh fruit was sold by members of the Student Parliament at break and lunch times and over 200 students took part in a marathon dodgeball competition with entry fee and profits from fruit sales going to the British Heart Foundation.

This charity was chosen as they provide the training and resources which help our team deliver practical emergency life-saving skills to the whole of year-7 each year through our on-

going commitment to the Heartstart programme.

Normal lessons were replaced with extra sports activities such as karate, dodgeball, basketball and mini-tennis, all arranged by the school's 5060 officer Stefan Williams, in addition to the full schedule of extra-curricular sporting activities at break and lunchtime.

Assemblies had a focus on healthy relationships, healthy communities, healthy bodies and healthy minds with the Faculty of Performing Arts putting on short plays written and performed by students on the themes of bullying and body image.

Continuing these topics were interactive and exciting sessions provided by our partners at Communities First, Vibe Experience, Vale Catering, Vale Youth Service's C-Card Scheme and Show Racism the Red Card.

There was even a dentist on site to check year-7 students' teeth!

As well as these extra activities, lessons in subjects across the whole curriculum had a healthy living flavour, whether it was learning about the Roman diet in history, giving a speech on healthy living in English or finding out about the benefits of Buddhist meditation in RS.

The canteen staff got involved too, using the week to promote their new even healthier menu which complies with the government's Appetite for Life scheme.

Students have also been keeping Healthy Living Logbooks to make sure their healthy choices continued on into half term.

The two students from each form who have made the most effort to improve their lifestyle can now look forward to a reward trip to Cardiff Pool later in the term.

Many thanks to staff, students and all our visitors for helping to make the week such an overwhelming success. AC



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NETWORK'S 10th 'BIRTHDAY'



ABOVE: Members of the Vale Community Development Network, which is celebrating its 10th birthday.

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Vale Healthcare launches new private GP practice

A NEW private GP service has been launched for Cardiff and the Vale, in association with a leading local healthcare provider.

Vale Healthcare has announced the Cardiff and Vale Private GP Practice, a service which will be available at the organisation's Cardiff Bay Clinic and the Vale Hospital in Hensol.

The new GP clinic will be led by Dr Sara Thomas, a highly experi-

enced GP, who has been the senior partner at an NHS GP practice since 1996.

Dr Thomas explained: "The major benefits of the new GP clinic will be the flexibility and the convenience it offers."

"It is aimed at people who don't, won't, or can't get time off during the working week to see their NHS GP – or who want the luxury of a 30-minute appointment with access to on-site blood tests, x-rays and consultant support."

Clinics will operate

from Tuesday to Friday in the afternoon and evening at the Cardiff Bay Clinic, and a Saturday morning service will be available at the Vale Hospital in Hensol.

Dr Thomas added: "Any contact with patients is independent and totally separate to other providers, with no shared information – so it is highly confidential."

"It's all about providing a good quality service at a time that's convenient, and all in one place."

THE Vale Community Development Network, comprising the Vale Council and the voluntary sector, has celebrated its 10th birthday.

The group was established by Gail Hughes from the Community Enterprise Service.

Fellow founder member, the Vale Council's community development officer, Siân Vaughan said: "We are always keen to welcome new members to join the network, particularly people who are involved in the voluntary sector in the Vale. We meet every three months in various locations around the Vale."

The next meeting is taking place on May 14

at the Vale Centre for Voluntary Services on Skomer Road, Barry. To find out more, call Siân Vaughan on 01446 704813.

Minister highlights value of tourism with Dyffryn House visit

WALES OFFICE Minister, Baroness Jenny Randerson marked the start of 'Wales Tourism Week' celebrations with visits to one of the most popular attractions in the Vale.

Wales Tourism Week (February 23-March 3) is a celebration which showcases the country as an inspirational tourist destination.

The tourism sector is worth £5 billion to the Welsh economy and employs more than 8

per cent of the workforce. In 2011, Wales attracted 879,000 international visitors to its shores, spending £328 million.

The Minister took a tour of Dyffryn House and Gardens in St Nicholas, which is the latest addition to the National Trust in Wales.

The site has recently undergone an £8 million restoration and some rooms within the mansion house will be re-opened to the public at Easter.

Justin Albert, director of the National Trust in Wales, said: "We were very pleased to welcome Baroness Randerson to the newest member of the National Trust family in Wales."

"We hope she will visit many times and see how the gardens and the house grow into a major tourist attraction in Wales and a special place loved and enjoyed by all."

WELSH CAKES!

THE Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' Market will be celebrating St David's Day this Saturday, (March 2) by baking Welsh cakes at the market to distribute free, as a thank you to its customers.

Llantwit bus service trimmed

A COMMERCIAL bus service operating between Llantwit Major and Barry is being reduced from 11 return journeys per day to eight.

A Vale Council spokesperson said: "EST Coaches Ltd has taken the decision to reduce the daily service from April 18."

"Eight return journeys will run every day from Monday to Saturday during term time, with only

seven during the school holidays."

The bus service covers Llantwit Major, Eglwys Boreth, St Athan, Rhose, Barry town centre and The Waterfront, and the revised service will no longer operate via Fommon Cross or Cadoston (Weston Square).

A revised timetable can be found on the Vale council's website at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Medieval life – in pictures!

COSMESTON Lakes Country Park will welcome new additions to its medieval village this spring – in the form of new information boards, to give visitors an insight into life in medieval times.

The Medieval Village was brought to life by 16 volunteers earlier this month and photographs from the re-enactment will become the centre-pieces of the new display. The volunteers dressed in full costumes and, complete with medieval artefacts; the photographs illustrate what life was like for villagers in medieval times.

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Out and About with The GEM

Walk for Life in Barry

A WALK for Life is being organised to raise funds for Kidney Wales at Morrisons' car park, Barry, on Sunday, March 17. Registration starts at 11am to collect donations and issue t-shirts.

It is again being organised in memory of Lloyd Baker and Richard and John Taylor.

Lloyd died while waiting for a kidney transplant and was a

father of two young boys.

The Taylor family have regularly organised the Kidney Wales - Barry Walk for Life as a tribute to John Taylor, who died on the morning of the 2006 walk and his son Richard, who donated his organs after his tragic death in 2004.

For sponsor forms and further information, call Debbie Baker on 07876 597021 or email debron63@hotmail.com

Youngsters through to semi-final

THE director of Superstars in The Making, Christian Bullen, is "delighted" that pupils from Budding Superstars and Musical Theatre have made it through to the semi-final of Star of Stage Musical Theatre, to be held at Cardiff Masonic Hall on March 10.

"Joshua Deol, Ruby Sim-Parfitt, Ross Neale and Oliver Haines from Budding Superstars, as well as Jodi Bird and Luke Edwards, have worked so hard to achieve this," he commented.

St David's Day concert

JOIN Harmony Ladies Choir to celebrate St David's Day in true Welsh style with a concert at Central Church, Maesteg, this Friday, March 1. Doors open at 7pm. Don't miss it!

Councillors' surgery

BARRY Court ward independent councillors are holding a coffee morning and surgery for residents on Saturday, March 2.

Couns Richard and Robert Bertin will be at the Barry YMCA Hub from 10am-11am. They can be contacted on 01446 736227.

NCT sale

NCT Vale and Valleys branch holds a nearly new sale at Cowbridge Leisure Centre on Saturday, March 2 (11am-12.30pm; doors open 10.45am for NCT members with membership card). Entrance/suggested donation £1 per adult.

Baby/children's clothes, toys, equipment and maternity wear.

Contact Julie on 01656 662564 for details.

Art society

ON Thursday, March 7, Cowbridge Art Society will welcome Abergavenny botanical artist Daniel Williams, some of whose drawings are in *Kew Gardens*.

He will give a presentation of his work following his recent visit to Borneo, and a demonstration of techniques.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm-9pm). Visitors welcome. For full programme see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

Fairtrade coffee

MAYOR of Barry, Coun Les Sword hosts a Fairtrade coffee morning on behalf of Barry Town Council on Friday, March 8 at 10am-12pm at the council's offices, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA.

It is being held in aid of Compassion in Jesus' Name, which seeks to release children in the Third World from poverty and its work in Haiti to help with fundraising after earthquakes and floods.

Charity concert

MAYOR of Barry, Coun Les Sword, is hosting a charity concert at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry on Friday, March 15 at 7pm.

The evening will include performances from Barry Male Voice Choir, Barry Ladies Choir and Holton Primary School. Tickets are priced at £5. Raffle tickets will be sold during the evening at a cost of £1 per strip.

The concert will be held in aid of Ty Hafan children's hospice in Sully and Teenage Cancer Trust, Special Unit at University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff.

Tickets can be purchased at Barry Town Council, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA or contact 01446 704921 or email juliehurd@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk for more information.

Heritage festival

ST CADOC'S and St Mary's Churches of Barry are holding a heritage festival from June 9-15 to celebrate the local heritage.

If anyone has photographs of Barry from the past, or wish to be involved, contact Fr Ben Andrews (01446 406690), frbenandrews@aol.com.

Benefits roadshows

THE Vale Council is hosting welfare reform roadshows across the Vale next month, to help residents worried about how they will cope with changes to their benefits.

March 4 (10am-4pm): Barry Memorial Hall and Theatre, Gladstone Road, Barry.

March 21 (10am-4pm): Penarth Paget Rooms, Victoria Road, Penarth.

March 25 (10am-4pm): Llantonian Hall, Boverton Road, Llantwit Major. No appointment is necessary.

Teeing up for Prostate Cymru



The Mayor is pictured above with David John, of Prostate Cymru.

The Vale of Glamorgan Mayor is planning a charity golf day at the Vale Hotel & Golf Resort on Wednesday, April 17, with all proceeds going to Prostate Cymru.

The golf day is a fourball team event, ideal for entertaining or just playing to enjoy, with a shotgun start and tee time at 1pm (£200 per fourball team). A two-course meal at the end of the day is included in the price.

Coun Hacker said: "I

am delighted the Vale Hotel is supporting this event and thank them for their generosity. This is an ideal opportunity for golfers to have a great day out, playing on the Wales International Course and raise money for Prostate Cymru at the same time."

For further details, or to register your team, please contact the Mayor's Office on 01446 709301, or email: angharad@prostate-cymru.com.

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It looks like being a classic summer season here at the Ocean Lounge. With a few more improvements, and some changes to the menu and a new specials board, we are definitely worth visiting.

Can you be entertained?

Mixing it up a bit more this year! As well as cabaret nights on a Saturday we will be having some bands and comedians, plus a mixture of other acts on a Friday (Easter onwards) such as karaoke, theme nights, band nights, comedy nights, and drag artists, there is something for everyone. It's the only place to go to over the Bank holiday weekends, with 3 big nights of entertainment - Keep an eye out for what's coming.

And to eat? We offer a great value menu from only £4.99 with traditional family favourites, plus some more unusual fayre too, mostly sourced from local growers and suppliers, fresh meats every Sunday, roasted to perfection with only the finest vegetables used.

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The location? With fantastic views from the cliff top overlooking the Bristol Channel, with views to The Knap and the historic islands of Steephelm and Flatholm, and on a clear day across to Weston it is a great place to find refreshment with the large cliff top patio and outdoor seating and BBQ area, with a monthly out-door BBQ with live band from 3pm (subject to weather conditions), and yet only a 10 minute trip from Barry or Llantwit Major.

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CLOUD ATLAS A BOLD AND AMBITIOUS PIECE OF WORK

HAVING undone the excellent work of *The Matrix* with two underwhelming sequels and a weak take on *Speed Racer* that crashed and burned on impact, the Wachowski siblings' stock has never been lower.

However, their latest is easily one of the most ambitious ever brought to the cinema screen as they, along with Tom Tykwer, adapt David Mitchell's dense novel *Cloud Atlas*.

With an all-star cast including Tom Hanks, Halle Berry, Jim Broadbent, Hugo Weaving, Jim Sturgess and Ben Whishaw, it spans universes and time as it tells how people's actions and lives impact across the years – for good and for bad...

While adapting books for the big screen is seemingly Hollywood's favourite pastime at the moment, it's a brave group of individuals to take *Cloud Atlas* to the big screen; but then the Wachowskis have never been short of chutzpah and confidence, even though their work since the original *Matrix* has been largely derided.

Teaming up with Tom Tykwer, the finished product sees them arrest their recent slide. *Cloud Atlas* is a bold, imaginative work whose ambition cannot be faulted while its execution is largely sound and often spectacular.

Whether it is the addition of Tykwer to their directing team, or that this is a film based around David Mitchell's book, rather than coming from their own mind, you can't be fully sure, but this is arguably the most vital the Wachowskis have seemed since 1999.

Their stamp is most obvious on the future-set stories, playing to their strengths in delivering spectacular set-pieces that are epic in scale and hark back to their past glory, these scenes having the science-fiction feel that they're so at home with, but they show remarkable restraint in the 19th century strand that eschews grandiose direction for a more muted and story-focused approach.

Similarly, Tykwer is on confident ground in the story strands he helms, allowing the narrative to drive rather than flashy visuals, and between the three of them they have constructed a film that flows



by **GARETH JAMIESON**

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remarkably well, given that there is no directorial crossover.

Certainly, when it comes to tone there is some jarring, you would be hard-pressed to find that isn't the case when you are weaving between a 1970s set crime thriller and future-set action piece for example, but the three directors maintain the feel of the film in what is, at times, a stunningly directed piece of work.

With the multi-story strand working well, the pieces are woven together slowly and with care, and while the pay-off doesn't quite offer the impact the build-up suggests, come the end

credits you get the feel of a whole story rather than bits and pieces, each tale linking together to make a satisfying whole.

There are some strands that don't quite engage, the Halle Berry-led 1970s strand feeling a little too leggy in comparison to its tighter counterparts, but the performances, many of which straddle the stories with actors taking several roles, do hold your attention.

Tom Hanks veers from dubious doctor to Irish gangster (don't mention the accent) and offers a solid turn, while Berry, Jim Sturgess, Hugh Grant and Doona Bae leap into the dressing up and prosthetics box and come out of it with no little style, but the standouts are Ben Whishaw and Jim Broadbent, who, with the best story strands, offer the standout performances to match.

While both pop up elsewhere, Broadbent's largely comedic turn as a publisher on the run from gangsters tickles the funny bone and allows the actor to deliver an entertaining turn, while Whishaw tugs the heartstrings as a composer who finds himself forced into a corner, the actor's performance per-

haps the most impressive on show.

With a near three-hour running time and balancing all the strands together, the film isn't flawless; far from it in fact, as not only does the tone shift a little awkwardly at times but also the dialogue and themes sometimes feel a little too portentous, but when a film tries to scale these ambitious heights, and delivers an emotional kick, then you can at least forgive some of the negatives.

All in all, *Cloud Atlas* is a deep, engaging and ambitious film that may divide opinion but certainly offers something you don't find in your average cinema release.

VERDICT – A beautiful effort from the Wachowskis and Tom Tykwer, *Cloud Atlas* is an engaging film that may wobble a little tonally but captivates for a large part of its near three-hour running time.

A raft of good turns, in particular from Ben Whishaw and Jim Broadbent, adds to the quality, and though certainly not to everyone's tastes, its ambition cannot be faulted.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Source Code* (2011), *Looper* (2012).

Penarth Computer Club – thinking big

THE most compact computer in existence at the moment is the human brain: science is still debating why it needs to be so powerful.

Its potential is known to be much more than is normally pressed into service, but we only get glimpses into its extraordinary capabilities.

I have a friend who is burdened with a memory that retains everything. Every book, newspaper he has read and every conversation. Some people can remember their own personal telephone directory; all without any special effort to do so.

Naturally, the Human Brain Project is trying to build an artificial brain. The reward could be medical advances we can only dream about at present.

In computers, valves have been superseded by transistors helping to make them smaller and storage capacity has been increasing rapidly, but the number of connections in the human brain is such that a recent article notes that it would take 1,000 aircraft hangers filled with today's supercomputers to match the computing capacity.

Not only would that be expensive and take time to build, the power to drive a machine with the capacity of the human brain is estimated to be the output of more than a dozen power stations.

As that is rather more than the 20 watts needed by the human brain, we have our work cut out to achieve anything like a match.

What is needed is a few breakthrough developments to give progress a boost. You can read more about all this on humanbrainproject.eu/introduction.

One candidate development is that of Graphene. This is a new material that consists of pure carbon atoms arranged in a regular grid. That might

not sound very exciting, but the sheet is only one atom thick and a room-sized sheet would weigh less than an aspirin tablet.

Its potential is such that its development for practical use has attracted a grant of 1 billion Euros. Its use to produce even smaller and more efficient transistors is being pursued. Maybe this will assist the Human Brain Project.

Meanwhile, back in the world of everyday problems, some people want to show more icons on their desktop in Windows XP. This can be done by reducing the size of the icons and also reducing the spacing between them if preferred.

Right click on the Desktop background and select Properties to get the Display Properties dialog box. Select the appearance tab and click on the 'Advanced' button. Under the Item list, select Icon. The option boxes allow you to select the icon size and the font style and size. Similarly the Icon spacing can be selected either horizontally or vertically to suit.

You can also edit an Icon's title by right clicking it on the desktop and selecting Rename and simply adjust or shorten the title to suit.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, March 12 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth (7.30pm for 8pm) – topic to be advised. We expect to be looking at Windows 8 again. Check on our website at penarthcomputerclub.co.uk.

Howard Desmond

MUSIC DUO

RENOWNED duo, Robin and Bina Williamson, return to the Minstrel Room at the Little Shop of Calm on Westgate, Cowbridge to present songs, music and folk traditions of Candlemas/Imbolg, on Saturday, March 2 at 8pm. More details on 01446 771166.

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MEMORIES OF 1943

the year of the convoy

RIGHT: The author's souvenir of his wartime service at sea.

THE two excellent articles in last week's 'GEM' gave many relevant details regarding losses of merchant ships in World War Two; perhaps I might add a little more information about the ships and the men who sailed in them.

The photo (above, right) is taken from my recorded life at sea as a Merchant Seaman and the three ships I was in during the early months of 1943. The first ship is the *Deido*, West Africa, America, Canada and home in convoy SC118 (Slow Convoy 118). According to the German Admiral Doenitz - SC 118, in February 1943, was the hardest fought convoy of the War - 45 ships were sunk in the Atlantic and over 1,800 seamen lost in just one month.

Let us consider the *Lochee*; aged 18 and newly promoted from

Ordinary Seaman to 'Sailor', I went to the Shipping Office in Liverpool and was told to join the *Lochee* in Preston.

Now the Shipping officer was known as 'Bull...' Barlow - because he was fond of telling us - whatever ship we were joining - that "She feeds well and the ropes are very small". I immediately told him that Preston would only have small ships and I did not sail on coasters...however, he persuaded me to go.

When I walked through the dock gates in Preston and approached the ship, I noticed that there were lots of soldiers about and a distinct smell of petrol. It turned out that as tankers were unable to get fuel through to the 8th Army troops in North Africa, it had been decided to try a small coaster loaded with 100 Octane in Zinc-lined cardboard boxes!

The job was given to a coaster belonging to the Dundee, Perth and London Shipping Company. The small



crew of 17, included just six of us on deck. Air-pumps fitted to try and control the petrol vapour and off we went to the small port of Bone in North Africa. We made it there and back. *Roxane* was a captured French tanker, pressed in to service in convoys as 'Fleet supply ship' - bunkering the convoy escorts. We went to New York and back.

Conditions on cargo ships were dreadful - carried on from a pre-war cheap routine, an 84 hour week with watches '4 on - 4 off' ... so you never got more than three and a half hours in your bunk - and you bought your own mattress for 2s 6d - the famous 'Donkeys Breakfast'. You were given two brown blankets. Can you imagine what they were like on the *Deido* after five

months? The food was dreadful and, if torpedoed, your money stopped on the day you were sunk. Many a wife was forced on to 'the Parish'. Winston Churchill put a stop to that in 1943.

No wonder he said: "The only thing that frightened me during the Second World War was the U-boat peril. Indeed, the Battle of the Atlantic was the dominant factor throughout the War. Never, for one moment, could we forget that everything happening elsewhere - on land, at sea or in the air - depended on the outcome of that battle."

I was a Liverpool sailor and sailed throughout the War, but the port of Barry lost a greater proportion of its seamen than any other port. Spare a thought for Mrs Elsie Dehaney Stiff, of 76 Thompson

Street...in the space of just 18 months she lost all her three sons:

September 1940 - William aged 19 - lost on the *SS Magdalena*; November 1941 - Charles - aged 16 - lost on the *SS Rose Schiaffino*; March 1942 - Joseph - aged 21 - lost on the *Baron Newlands*.

All those three ships were carrying the iron-ore we desperately needed for steel - but on a ship with iron-ore you sank like a stone. No-one suggested making a film ... 'Saving Seaman Stiff' and Mrs Stiff, of course, went on 'the Parish'.

More than 35,000 Merchant Seamen were lost in World War Two. They tend to be forgotten. You see...there are no white crosses on the Atlantic, and they wore no uniform.

D SIMPSON, Barry

Adventure Training at Twmbarlwm

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The group on top of Twmbarlwm.

AIR CADETS from 372 (Barry) Squadron, travelled to Twmbarlwm (near Risca) for a day of exciting and challenging adventure training.

This was the first training walk of the year, preparing the cadets for their forthcoming Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. The aim of the days walk was to train the cadets to a competent degree of navigation, team building, first aid and understanding the country code.

The walk itself was of moderate difficulty, 10 kilometres in distance, gave some of the younger cadets their first real taste of the outdoors. The route started with a steep 700 foot climb directly up to the old roman fort of Twmbarlwm.

The group worked very well, encouraging and assisting each other throughout the day. At times throughout the day, the weather was bitterly cold and wet, however, from the summit of Twmbarlwm the cadets had clear views all round of the local area.

It forms a very important part of the cadets' training. Rigorous training on

the squadron covers - teambuilding, leadership, mountain craft, camp craft, safety training and navigation before going on the hills.

Squadron training then complements and encourages cadets to explore and appreciate the "great outdoors"; improve confidence and fitness, learn new skills and ultimately provide enjoyment mixed with excitement.

The cadets were: Rachel Carbis, Jake Paterson, Georgina, Ellie and Zena Poulakis, Jamie-Leigh Bird, Pippa Cowles and Caroline Louise Bradley. As well as adventure training the cadets also enjoy: flying, gliding, shooting, sports, overseas trips, leadership and citizenship training in a full and action packed training programme.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13-18 years old. The Squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays 7pm-9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour (by the Memorial Hall) or you can contact the Squadron on 01446 747734 or email oc.372@aircadets.org for more information.

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The GEM postbag has again been swollen by letters prompted by fears of local school closures which have since been allayed by the local authority.

Llancarfan school deserves support

RECENTLY, *The Economist* expressed great concern about the lack of focus in the UK on the stimulation of young children's curiosity and the creation of a 'want to learn attitude', leading to greater success in their later education.

Finland is, and has been for several years, top of this league. Why? Because they realise that if you don't get this part of the chain right it is an uphill struggle from

there on.

It, therefore, is encouraging to see that council members across all parties have recognised and shown support for the retention of Llancarfan Primary School based on its high standards of educational achievement.

The decision to be taken at the cabinet meeting on March 7 on the survival of this school should be made on what is proven and what will progressively benefit the future of education in the Vale of Glamorgan.

David S Mitchell, Penmark

Questions to answer over ambulances

WITH regard to the report 'Ambulance Chief Hears Vale Concerns' in The GEM on February 21, I would like to ask some questions.

Jane Hutt AM and Coun Gwyn John have had another meeting/photo shoot, this time to raise our concerns over ambulance response times in the Vale.

The results of the meeting appear to be that an unknown number of senior paramedics are to be deployed in the Vale and yet another senior officer has been appointed to manage the ambulance service.

This raises some questions which our AM might like to answer.

How will the appointment of a senior manager by the ambulance service help reduce the number of ambulances stuck at hospitals with patients waiting to be admitted for treatment, when the root problem is lack of hospital staff – not managers?

By appointing a senior manager, are we to assume the Vale ambulance service has been either unmanaged or mismanaged?

What equipment will the deployed senior paramedics have to help reduce the workload on the ambulance service?

Gordon Wilkie, Llantwit Major.

Campaign for cancer patients

IAM writing to highlight new research by Macmillan Cancer Support which suggests that almost one in five people diagnosed with cancer in Wales each year lacks support from family and friends.

Our research suggests that 19 per cent of the 18,000 newly-diagnosed cancer patients in Wales – an estimated 3,420 people every year – lack support from loved ones and friends during their treatment and recovery.

Macmillan's Facing the Fight Alone report, which looks at the number, profile and experiences of isolated people living with cancer, found more than half (53 per cent) of health professionals have had patients opt not to have treatment at all, due to a lack of support at home from family and friends.

Nine in 10 (89 per cent) health professionals felt that a lack of support at home leads to a poorer quality of life for patients, while over

half felt that it can lead to poorer treatment decisions (54 per cent) and a shorter life expectancy (56 per cent). As the number of people living with cancer in Wales is set to double from 120,000 to 240,000 by 2030, isolation will become an increasing problem and we need to address this now.

Last week, Macmillan Cancer Support launched our Not Alone campaign to help tackle this crisis and to ensure that in future, no-one faces cancer alone.

People affected by cancer can receive information and support by calling the Macmillan Support Line on 0808 808 00 00 between 9am to 8pm Monday to Friday, or by visiting www.macmillan.org.uk.

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Susan Morris, Pencoed, (general manager for Wales, Macmillan Cancer Support)

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SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS: 'once they are gone, they can't be resurrected'

IAM relieved to hear the news that the Vale Council has reversed its decision to close Llanfair and Llancarfan schools.

My own children attended Llanfair Primary school more than 20 years ago and I also became a teacher at the same school for over 10 years, becoming deputy head until 2003 when I became headteacher of Llangan Primary.

I know the small schools in the Vale very well and they have often been described as 'Flagship schools' and 'Schools of Excellence' because of their high standards, caring members of staff and their vital links to their various communities.

At a time when society is being encouraged to return to the caring societies of the past, it seems ludicrous that the schools in question were under threat of being closed. These schools are the life blood of the communities they serve and each has a history which runs parallel to the society around them.

They are schools that have continually had excellent inspection reports and where children are nurtured in a most special way. The Vale is one of the highest achieving LEAs in Wales, with results that are the envy of many other authorities in Wales.

'Cynical attempt to whip up storm'

IREAD, with great sympathy, the letters from concerned parents about the rumoured school closures in the Vale in your last issue.

Now that we have the full facts about Llanfair and Llancarfan, it is clear that there has been a cynical attempt by Tories in the Vale to whip up an artificial storm about these issues.

A confidential dis-

'No one has come to Oak Field School'

IWRITE with disappointment and anger about plans to close Oak Field school here in Barry.

I am a parent at Oakfield and I believe the Vale Council is treating us with utter contempt. I understand that they have visited the other two schools on more than one occasion.

Yet no-one visited Oak Field to talk to us to explain what is going on. Our local MP attended a meeting last Thursday and shared his understanding of the position. He is committed to working with us and to support us.

We are determined to campaigning against closure. Oak Field is one of the Vale's most

improved schools – even agreed by our local councillor, Rob Curtis in a letter to the press last year. He is a governor and didn't attend our meeting last week.

He is also a cabinet member on the council and we hope we can count on his support to vote against closing our school.

As it stands, cabinet members have reacted positively to those in the rural Vale who opposed closure of Llancarfan and Llanfair schools. We, therefore, expect the same courtesy here in Barry.

We have elected them to serve us and we certainly expect them to show us the same loyalty as they did the other schools.

R Thomson, Barry.

These schools, with other small schools in the rural Vale, stand at the top of the league. Why destroy something that is so successful and so precious? Once they have gone, they cannot be resurrected.

I'm afraid the answer is money and in these uncertain times it is understandable that money has to be saved, but where is the logic in trying to close schools with the highest standards, rather than looking to schools that are failing and have many spare pupil places?

Llanfair, as with most schools in this part of the Vale, is nearly full to capacity. People make a choice to send their children to these schools because of the high quality of the education they receive.

I am so glad that common sense has prevailed and those in charge of making these decisions have thought again.

Mary Noyes (Retired headteacher, Llangan Primary)

'School is helping my son progress'

IWRITE regarding the proposal to close Oak Field Primary School, which I strongly oppose.

My son Luke, who is six attends Oakfield and has done so since the age of three and we are proud of how well he is doing. He is currently in year-1 but in a year-2 class doing work a year above his age.

His reading and maths are outstanding – and all thanks to his great teachers who encourage him to carry on wanting to improve himself.

What lesson would it teach our children for them now to close the school when all pupils and staff have worked so hard to keep it open and make their school a better place to learn?

It certainly doesn't encourage children to



work hard, especially when they have done the very best they could and it all turns out to be for nothing.

I want my son to stay at Oak Field, where I'm confident he will have the best possible education up to secondary school. Kayleigh Waterfield, (Luke McDonnell's mum), Barry.

'Keep school in the community'

MY children are pupils at Oak Field Primary, where they are both very happy and benefit from excellent teaching.

I am outraged by the proposals to close our school.

Gibbonsdown is an area of significant socio-economic deprivation. Closure of the local school would be detrimental to the educational welfare of our children and would adversely affect the community as a whole.

As you will be aware

from local press coverage, the closure of Llanfair and Llancarfan schools has also been speculated on.

I have read with interest numerous reassurances offered to the parents and pupils of these two schools from various councillors.

No such reassurances have been offered regarding the safety of Oak Field.

It is unreasonable for our children to be educated outside our community. Please support our school.

Mrs Ruth Thomas, Barry.

Pupils are not expendable pawns

IT has become public knowledge that the Vale Council will consider proposals to close Oak Field School in Gibbonsdown.

I believe this move would be a mistake. Oak Field School has fought hard to pull education standards up since it was placed under special measures two years ago and the school is improving every day.

The pupils are happy, settled and well educated and living in such a deprived community as we do we cannot afford to lose this valuable facility.

Oak Field is the centre of our community, a community which is, in effect, under special measures itself.

It is a flying start area and a communities first area and we will not let the Vale Council target us and interfere with our community regeneration.

Our children deserve the best and only by

being educated within their community can their very particular needs be addressed effectively.

I do not believe the Vale has supported our school effectively through the years and this lack of support was a major contributing factor to the school being placed under special measures.

Proposing the closure of our school simply says to us that we in Gibbonsdown are labelled as expendable pawns in the council's budget and targets game.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu said... 'create a society where people are more important than things.' The Vale Council may want to consider this philosophy when looking at Gibbonsdown because 'things' are already very thin on the ground here and our 'people' deserve to be every bit as important as every other Vale resident!

Rhian Samuel, Barry.

School is at heart of its community

IWRITE with reference to the proposed closure of Oak Field Primary School, as a parent and resident of Gibbonsdown, and I'm extremely concerned.

Our local school is the very heart of our community, it brings positive attitudes towards educating our young people, in what can be a difficult area.

It's also a bringing together of ideas on education, environment, and

improving our community and the people living in it. The school has been an absolute necessity, in educating our children and keeping community bonds, involving many outside groups to see the positive side of our area.

So the school is more than just education, it has far reaching effects throughout the community as a whole.

Oak Field Primary is the heart of our community and to close the school would have a devastating effect.

Karen Weaver, Barry.

Pupils joined the schools campaign

THE children of Llancarfan Primary School joined the campaign to save the school, making posters and writing letters to get involved.

They may be young, but they all love their school and have a passion to keep it open.

My daughter, aged six, has wanted to get just as involved as the parents and governors of Llancarfan Primary School.

She made posters for the Vale Council cabinet meeting on March 4, saying how much she loves her school, she has written letters to the members of cabinet pleading with them to keep the school open.

Her photo, asking people to join Llancarfan's campaign to save the school and to like the Facebook page 'save Llancarfan Primary School' has been circling Facebook with nearly 2,000 likes.

I was the one who had to tell my daughter of the proposed closure and I had to dry her tears, comfort her and tell her I'd fight to keep the school open, and she is determined to fight the decision alongside parents and governors.

Alana Dalton, Barry.





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The entrance to the Vale Business Park is dominated by the Weavers Ford dealership, but further back from the main road there is a startling variety of businesses that make a difference to people in the Vale.

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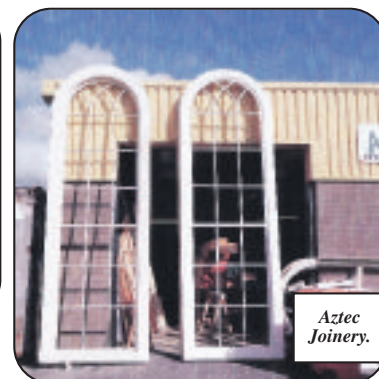
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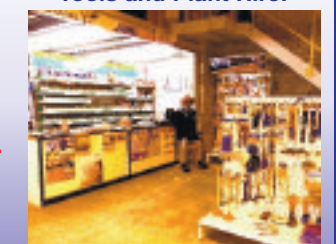
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MARIA RETURNS FROM MISSION IMPOSSIBLE!

ADVENTURE athlete Maria Leijerstam from the Vale has just returned from the 'Last Wild Race at the end of the World' – after finishing in fourth position.

Over 10 days, Maria conquered a 700km race by foot, bike and kayak in Patagonian Chile. Eleven international teams took part and Maria, the female element of Team Berghaus, came fourth.

"The experience has re-defined reality for me," said Maria. "We spent days bashing through impenetrable Patagonian forest, we traversed a million year old glacier, jumped across wide open crevasses where every footfall was poten-

tially fatal, kayaked past icebergs and didn't sleep very much at all."

"The rain poured down almost non-stop and I was soaked to the skin for 10 days," she added.

The Patagonian wind was so fierce at times that Team Berghaus were forced to shelter under rocks.

On one fateful night, the team found themselves stuck on a 800 metre high cliff edge with the light fading and winds and rain at gale force.

"The only way out was to abseil into the unknown. Luckily we found our way out of this difficult situation just before calling the rescue helicopter," said Maria.

"Our team motto, 'Keep On Keeping On' was constantly playing in my mind and I made a real effort to keep smiling because in

the middle of the Patagonia wilderness, it was all I had", said Maria.

The team even ran out of food for a 24-hour period and had to succumb to foraging for berries. "The experience will stay with me forever", said Maria.

The organisers, NIGSA of the Nomadas International Group have run this eco-adventure for the past 10 years and for the first time due to the excessively tough conditions not a single team completed the full course.

Maria is now back in Wales nursing some frost-bitten toes and preparing to run her own series of adventure races, the BURN SERIES, throughout the summer.

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School's community faith garden is a fast growing success!



ABOVE and BELOW: All Saints pupils, hard at work in their garden.



AT All Saints Church in Wales Primary School, Barry, the next exciting phase of the community faith garden is well under way.

Art co-ordinator, Mrs Evans, has been working with the Out to Learn Willow team and the school's Eco Committee to create the living willow features, incorporating the children's own designs.

The paved Celtic cross is now enclosed by a circular willow 'fedge' and the space contains a domed willow arbour over a bench.

An outer willow fedge encloses the entire garden to create a place for calm and quiet reflection.

Large outdoor musical instruments will be used to enhance the activities.

New spring growth from the willow can be harvested to cre-

ate new hedging and will also become a sustainable source of material for willow workshops.

The gardening club will maintain the garden and weave new willow growth into the structures.

Headteacher Richard Ware is delighted with the progress of the garden, which will be a continuing source of inspiration for pupils and visitors. **NM**

NEWS IN AND OUT OF CLASS FROM YSGOL GYFUN BRO MORGANNWG

Swimmers do well in Urdd competition

RECENTLY, pupils competed in the Urdd's swimming competition.

Rhys James, year-7 came second in the freestyle race and fourth in the backstroke. The years 7 and 8 relay team (Rhys James, Joseph Williams, Kory Russell and Aron Arthur) came fourth in the free and mixed relay, and Olivia Insole reached the final of the backstroke race.

Gymnastics
AT Sophia Gardens, pupils competed in the county gymnastics competition.

In the teams competition, the year 10-13 girls and boys teams were both victorious. The year 7-9 boys team came second and the year 7-9 girls team came third.

In the year 10-13 boys individual competition, Emyr Byrne came first and George Connelly came second and in the year 10-13 girls individual competition, Ffion Byrne was also first.

Star's visit

ON Wednesday, January 30, rugby international Mike Phillips visited Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and a question and answer session was held in the school hall with members of the school's sports teams.

Argentine visitors

ON Wednesday, January 30, the First XV rugby team, played against St Luke's School from Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The Firsts were victorious over their opponents. It was an excellent experience for all involved to play against a new team from a foreign country.

Enterprise competition

FOLLOWING the South-East Wales Youth Enterprise competition final, we are pleased to announce that the Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg business group, BAB were victorious.

There were eight teams competing, including one from Cwm Rhymin, Llangynwyd, Llanhari and Gwynllyw and two teams from Plasmawr and Bro Morgannwg.

Members of the winning team were Kaleb Corrigan, Llyr Hinton, Jessica Talbot, Bethan Williams and Kiera Edgar-Higgins. They completed a detailed business plan as well as designing a logo for their bag and they sold all 100 bags.

They also gave a presentation to the judges as seen on Dragon's Den.

The group B4L also managed to sell all of their bags and were given a special commendation by the judges.

Rotary public speaking

THE Rotary public speaking competition was held at Barry Boys Comprehensive School.

There were two teams from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg competing in the KS3 competition and one team was successful.

Lois Aled, Nia Fenn and Caleb Darwin won with the topic 'Are we clowns for experimenting with cloning?'

The year-8 team also did very well with Brenning Davies giving an excellent speech on 'Instant Celebrities'. Manon Wiliam was the proposer and Llinos Jones won a prize for the best chairperson.

In the over-14s competition, Morwenna Osmond, Betsan Jones and Rhiannon Berry came second to the team from Bryn Hafren, with Betsan

winning a prize for the best proposer.

The year-10 boys team, Will Rees, Jordan Stavrakis and Ben Popham spoke very well as well.

Lois Aled, Nia Fenn and Caleb Darwin from year-9 continued their success in the Rotary Youth Speaks competition in the second round held at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg on Tuesday, February 19 and their debate 'Are we Clowns for Cloning?' proved successful once again.

They all won individual prizes as well – Caleb Darwin best proposer, Lois Aled best speaker and Nia Fenn best chairperson. They will now go on to face teams in the District Final.

Lois Aled

LOIS is a year-9 pupil who has recently competed in the SAC cooking competition – Coginio.

This is the second year that the school has competed in the programme. Last year, four pupils made it through to the last 20, with Ryan James making it through to the last rounds.

Lois has had tremendous success. She made it through the school round, where we had 10 entrants. She then went to UWIC to compete against 20 other young people from across Wales and made it through to the final six, where she had the opportunity to work alongside professional chefs.

This is an excellent achievement for a pupil who is only in year-9. Well done, Lois. The series is to be aired on S4C in March.

School cooking competition

THIS year, for the first time, a cooking competition has been included as one of the homework topics for the school eisteddfod.

Before half term, each school house held a preliminary round, with everyone making scones. Only one pupil from each year represented their house. The final round was held after school.

The topic was 'Victoria sponge cake' and competitors were given the same list of ingredients, method and preparation time. To ensure the judging process was fair, the staff were invited to taste and to judge the competition.

As you can imagine, there was a rush of staff all willing to offer their services as judges!

I believe we have started a new tradition in the world of the school eisteddfod: "The great Bro Morgannwg Eisteddfod Bake Off!"

The winners were: Year-7 – Jack Tweddle – Cadog; Year-8 – Catrin Roberts – Illtud; Year-9 – Jack Davies – Mihangel; Year-10 – Hanna Davies – Illtud.



ABOVE: The school's gymnasts who competed in Sophia Gardens, Cardiff.



ABOVE and BELOW: Rugby star Mike Phillips visited the school for a question and answer session.



Judging the eisteddfod bake-off!



ABOVE: Some of the young enterprise winners.



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INSIDE

The inside of your car may well not have dried out properly all through the winter, as wet shoes and clothes keep bringing in moisture, with insufficient heat or ventilation to dry it out.

Discoloured upholstery, rotted carpets and general shabbiness can seriously reduce a car's resale value.

Take out loose mats before vacuuming the carpets. If required, shampoo the carpets too but avoid using too much water and ideally choose a warm sunny day when doors and windows can be left open to help them dry – as long as you can keep a close eye on the car to prevent theft.

Wet patches under the carpets are a sign of rain water penetration. This can lead to serious corrosion so should be investigated thoroughly.

You'll probably need expert help as the point of water entry can be difficult to find.

Accessory shops are full of cleaning products for upholstery, trim and roof linings, but make sure you use the right product for each material.

Always do a test on a small patch first to avoid mistakes.

Interior glass and painted metal surfaces need only a wipe over with clean water and a chamois leather.

OUTSIDE

Remove winter grime from paint work with warm water and a suitable car shampoo.

Start on the roof and work your way down and around the car, allowing stubborn dirt at the bottom to soak.

Pay particular attention to the undersides of doors and sills and make sure that all the shampoo is fully rinsed off before drying the car.

Attend to minor areas of corrosion, stone chips etc. as they will only get worse if left. Areas of extensive corrosion are best left to the experts.

Polish offers some paintwork protection and will help to restore any loss of gloss on older vehicles. Use a good quality polish and follow the manufacturer's instructions.

UNDERNEATH

The underside of the car takes the worst of the winter weather. Mud soaks-up salt laden spray and, if left, will cause corrosion over time.

Assuming there's no hosepipe ban, hose down the entire underside of the car, paying particular attention to the front and rear wheel arch areas.

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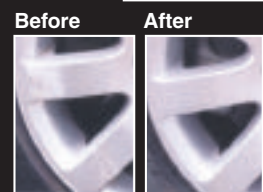
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The long spell of wet weather, which has been the curse of golf clubs throughout the country, resulted in several holes on the back nine being out of play but a few temporary holes known as 'the loop' allowed members to enjoy a full round of golf.

RESULTS

Winner – Bryan Owen with 32 stableford points; runner up – Julian Kelly with 29 points; third – Neil McLean with 28 points; fourth – Keith Davies with 27 points.

Nearest the pin on the par 3 holes sponsored by Llanerch Vineyard: 4th hole – Bryan Owen; 6th hole – Keith Davies; 11th hole – Barrie Melhuish; 14th hole – Neil McLean.

Longest drive, sponsored by The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge: winner – Barrie Melhuish.

Guest section: winner with 31 stableford points, Barrie Melhuish; runner up – Robbie Llewellyn with 21 points.

Lost ball competition sponsored by Premier Turf Ltd: won by Clive Edwards, who correctly guessed 48 balls would fail to return home.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for February 28 at Southerndown Golf Club, kindly sponsored by Mr Glyn Watts-Jones.

At this meeting incoming captain Gwyn Thomas will herald his appointment with the traditional captain's drive-in and members are asked to be in attendance at 10.30am to witness Gwyn launching his fairway-splitting opening drive.

*The society recently held it's annual presentation evening, and as you can see from the photos, a great time was had by all!

TMC



Captain Lyn Thomas with Julian Kelly, winner Bryan Owen, sponsor Gino Cocco and Barrie Melhuish



Bombettes blitz Blackwood

BARRY Bombettes travelled up to play Blackwood Ladies with a big squad and new additions.

Blackwood could field only 13 players and this resulted in a reshuffle and a pack consisting of the front 5 and No 8 Cole.

The game started well for Barry, with most of the possession and game in the Blackwood half. It soon became evident that Blackwood's No 10 Mochan, was their danger player.

After a break in midfield, Bombettes full back Hill was left 1 on 1 with the speedy stand off charging at her. Typically the dependable Hill tackled her superbly and the danger was averted.

Scrum half Yapp was given good ball from the line outs, but was constantly harassed by the Blackwood forwards. Greater protection needs to be provided in the games ahead.

From good driving play Blackwood conceded another penalty deep in their 22. A quick tap by Yapp fed centre Jones who hustled her way to with in 5 metres, only for the supporting

Richards to power her way over for a try. The conversion was narrowly missed.

The Bombettes then exerted more pressure and became entrenched in the home half. From another solid Barry scrum, Cole broke from the back of the scrum. She fed debutant Chelsea Rees, playing her first game of rugby at No 10. She sprinted and side stepped her way to the whitewash for a brilliant try, converted by Jones for 0-12.

The next score came from the ram-paging Cole, who from another dominant Barry scrum broke from the Blackwood 10 metre line and sprinted over.

The second half started where the Bombettes left off charging into tackles. Bannister showed her speed and sniping skills by charging off down the blind side, finding support from Nation.

The resultant drive from the forwards resulted in quick ball for Richards to speed into space and power over for her second try.

The next Barry try came from the solid forward play again down the

Barry left side. Barry were held up short and Jones sniped over from close range to make it 0-27.

Blackwood to their credit, kept on asking questions of the Barry defence and drove into Barry's '22'. From a resultant infringement, the power house 2nd row Garner-Joel was off-side and took a 10 minute breather. Blackwood sensed this was their opportunity and duly powered over for a thoroughly deserved try, duly converted by Mochan to reduce the arrears to 7-27.

Like any good side, the best form of defence is attack and Barry took the game back to Blackwood. Jones then showed her other skills, picking up from the base of a ruck on halfway and breaking through the tiring defence.

She then showed deceptive speed to out sprint the covering defence and touch down for a final score of 7-32.

TEAM: Hill, O'Neill, Britton, K Jones (c), C Rees, Yapp, L Major, Cole, Bannister, Williams, Garner-Joel, Evans, Cahill, Richards, Horne. Replacements: Phillips, Boffy, Potter, Cushden and K Jones.

Barry woman of the match went to Williams and Blackwood chose Hill.

Players and management wish a speedy recovery to M Britton for her nose.

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Held at Nantfyllon RFC and co-ordinated by Bridgend Borough Council's Active Young People team in partnership with the Ospreys, WRU and Bridgend Ravens, the competition saw boys and girls' teams from Nantfyllon, Caerau, Cwmfelin, Porthcawl and St Mary's and St Patrick's primary schools going for gold.

Nantfyllon overcame St Mary's and St Patrick's to win the boys competition, with Cwmfelin winning the bronze medal match. In the girls competition, Caerau narrowly took the gold against Nantfyllon, with Porthcawl winning the third place play-off.

Afterwards, the teams proudly showed off their medals as they had pictures taken with the Ospreys stars as part of the awards presentation. The tournament was a part of a series of contests taking place across the county borough, with the winners and runners up going through to the finals. The finalists will be going head-to-head at the Riverside Hardware Brewery Field on Friday, March 8 as a curtain-raiser for the tie between Bridgend Ravens and Swansea RFC.

"It's important that the council, its partners and local sports clubs all work together to encourage children to be active and get involved with local sport. "A big well done goes to all the children who have competed so far, and good luck to the teams who have made it through to the final. Playing at the Brewery Field will be a great experience for them."

For more details on the tag rugby tournaments, please contact BCBC's Active Young People Department on (01656) 815216/815218.

Friends of Victoria Park look forward to future with new equipment



Pictured at Victoria Park were David Fanning (secretary of Cadoxton Bowls Club), David Langford (Friends of Victoria Park), Coun Gwyn John (cabinet member for leisure, parks, culture and sports development), Nigel Cockram (FoVP), Sian Jones (chairperson of FoVP), Coun Anne Moore, Sandra Campbell (FoVP), Coun Neil Moore (Leader of the Council), Clifford Jones (FoVP), Gwyneth Cockram (Treasurer FoVP), Pat White (Secretary FoVP) and Jon Greatrex (Victoria Park manager).

CELEBRATION was the order of the day at the February meeting of the Friends of Victoria Park as the group took delivery of their new event equipment, which includes deckchairs, gazebos and a marquee.

Over the last five years the Friends of Victoria Park, together with the Victoria Park team, have hosted a wide range of events from dog shows to Halloween parties, carol concerts, charity and community events and the popular Cadstock Music Festival. The group has also succeeded in raising more than £3,200 for charity in the last year alone.

With events at the park attracting more and more visitors, the need for professional event equipment became apparent. Local councillors were able to assist the Friends by supporting their application for section 106 development funds, which has since been obtained and used to purchase the new equipment.

Chair of the Friends Group Sian Jones said "This is such a great help, and will make it much easier to put on events. "We are all very excited about the coming year. Last year was so successful despite the bad weather, and with this new equipment things can only be better".

The Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore and Coun Gwyn John, Vale cabinet member for parks and leisure, attended last week's meeting at Victoria Park to make the formal presentation to the group.

With the arrival of the new event items, which includes three gazebos, one small marquee, 25

trestle tables, 100 deckchairs and a small public address system, the group are looking forward to arranging their next event and putting their new equipment to good use.

Coun Moore said: "Victoria Park and its Friends group have shown what can be done when you have a good team working together.

"I was very pleased to be able to support their application. Anne and I have visited several events over the past few years, they are always lively and great fun."

Coun John added: "Victoria Park is a lovely place to visit, and the Friends Group show how much it is loved.

"They are a credit to their community, always do their best to put on a good show, and I wish them all the very best in years to come".

If you would like further information about Victoria Park, joining the Friends Group, or upcoming events, please contact Jon Greatrex, Victoria Park Manager on 07809 551465/01446 709580

Peter the retriever gives guiding paw to airport staff!

A TRAINING course offered by Guide Dogs Cymru has continued to improve the service offered by staff at Cardiff Airport when assisting blind or partially sighted passengers.

Members of the airport's Special Assistance Team refreshed their knowledge of sighted guiding with a little help from golden retriever Peter and course leader, Rick Allbrook.

Staff participated enthusiastically, working in pairs alongside Peter, simulating the journey blind or partially sighted passengers would have to take throughout the terminal, negotiating doors, stairs and pavement kerbs.

The group also found out about different many eye conditions and experienced the effects of sight loss by donning simulation spectacles. All attendees qualified for the My Guide Level 1 certificate in sighted guiding.

Rick Allbrook, My Guide ambassador for Guide Dogs Cymru, said: "Initially, they were all a little nervous, but after putting the techniques into practice and some coaching there was a noticeable increase in confidence in a short period of time.

"All agreed they had learnt a lot of useful information, and now felt confident that they would be able to offer sighted guiding to visually impaired people who use Cardiff Airport. The techniques can also be used for other less mobile passengers."

Margaret James, Cardiff Airport added: "The training provided by Guide Dogs Cymru has proved invaluable for our staff as we strive to have an inclusive environment for all passengers passing through the airport. The support we offer to passengers with restricted mobility is key in enabling safe and confident travel and often makes the difference between a person choosing whether or not to fly."

VALE PLANNING

Ms Janet White – Land at Hill View Stud, Colwinston Lane, Llyswoorney – Retention of stable building and wooden storage building.

Mr David Bracher – 9 Barons Close, Llantwit Major – double height extension forming new dwelling.

Mr Kiall Spencer – 53 Amherst Crescent, Barry Island – Single storey extension (amendment to planning permission 2011/00330/FUL).

Mr R Penn – 1 Portland Close, Penarth – Reduce Oak tree by 20 per cent and remove Yew tree. Mr Nethercott – 13 Station Road, Dinas Powys – Fell Sycamore tree.

Mr Jeffrey Bird – RS Bird Ltd, Birds Lane, Cowbridge – One profile sign over entrance to alleyway from High Street to Birds Lane; two directional signs facing onto Birds Lane from the gate ends of 10 and 14 High Street; profile sign and four logo profile signs on eastern elevation of block of new non-food retail units.

When £5 million was left in a lane outside a bank!

THE speaker at the Barry Men's Forum last week, was John Davies, who spoke at very short notice about some of his experiences while working abroad as an accountant.

He had stepped in to give a very interesting talk, after the late withdrawal of the planned speaker.

After training in Cardiff and working in the UK, in 1971, John took the plunge and moved with his family to Zambia, then to Indonesia, and then to Sierra Leone – where he was appointed as head accountant at a diamond mining company employing 7,000 people.

The company would pay out a bonus to all its employees if they had a profitable year, and in 1985 a large pay-out totalling £5 million was to be given to the workers.

After problems in getting their local bank to provide such a sum, it was eventually agreed that the main office in Freetown could provide sufficient funds. John went and arranged the payment, and after signing for it, four large boxes containing the money were handed over. The company had provided a very secure Land Rover, normally used to transport the diamonds, with a large contingent of security officials.

The boxes were to be transferred via the back-

door of the bank, and the lane to the door was down a very narrow lane, which the vehicle, without any mirrors, could just back down.

It was agreed that when the money was loaded, they would knock three times, to tell the driver to move off. With the boxes ready to load, the bank manager came out to watch the operation, and went up to the Land Rover and knocked it with his fist, saying: "That's a very strong vehicle."

At which signal, the driver moved quickly off, to be joined at the main road by six police outriders, followed by an army lorry with 20 armed soldiers, and the company security guards, all in attendance. The boxes of money were left in the lane with John, while the convoy sped the 20 miles to the airport!

After a fleeting thought of doing a runner with the cash, he loaded the boxes into his car and drove to the airport, unaccompanied, eventually being able to reunite the £5 million cash, with the security guards and load it on the plane!

On Thursday, March 7, the speaker will be Dr Edward Hellewell whose talk is entitled 'You can't get much lower than this'. New members are welcome; for further information, contact 02920 594881.

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Family Notices

ELLIS
Myfanwy (Rene)

Slipped away peacefully on 22nd February 2013 with her family at her bedside at College Fields Nursing Home, aged 91 years. Loving wife of the late Sidney Reginald Ellis, much loved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother.

Will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Resting at AG Adams & Son, Tynwydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until her service in the chapel on Tuesday, 5th March 2013 at 11.30am followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home.

Pauline Gordon Huish
27.2.12

Treasured memories of our darling 'Polly'

As we hold you close in memory
Even though we are apart
Your spirit lives on
Deep within our hearts.
You are with us always
Love and miss you,
Steve, Andrea and family.

PITTS**Carol Ann (Formerly Price)**
(Llanmaes)

Peacefully on February 19th, Carol, loving wife of David, much loved mother and grandmother, will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral Service at Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday, March 5th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be sent to Marie Curie, Holme Tower, Richmond Road, Penarth.

CLAXTON
Tom

Peacefully at his home in Llantwit Major, Tom, beloved husband of Gill, dearly loved father of Jeremy and Kathryn and a much loved bampy of Christopher, Charlotte, Bethany- Alice and Lucy.

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WEBB**David Michael**

Peacefully on Monday morning, 25th February, David passed away under the expert care of the Marie Curie Holm Towers Staff. A devoted husband, brother, uncle, father, bomp bomp and friend to so many, he will be sorely missed by all!

"Rest in the stars".

Funeral at Barry Crematorium on Tuesday, 5th March at 3.45pm followed by a gathering at the Cherry Orchard Inn, Barry Road. Family flowers only, but donations to the Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth c/o Park Funeral Directors, Barry, The Family express their thanks for the care and attention given to David.

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2nd March, 2013

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Zoe Prudham

18
on
1st March
2013

Lots of love, Mum, daughter Sophia, Mac, Matthew, Nan & Bamp and all the family.
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**HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY****Muriel Dear**

on 2nd March 2013
Love from all the family
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**Happy Birthday**
Tim Chapman

on
28th February
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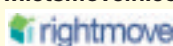
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Public Notices

NEW VOLVO S60 IS A BOY RACER'S DREAM!

MOTORING by TIM SAUNDERS



The Volvo S60 R-Design T6.

seats, air conditioning, all round electric windows and wing mirrors. Car experts Parkers, write: "The previous Volvo S60 came close, but not close enough to unseating, or even unsettling the Germans' dominance of the small exec class. This time could be very different."

"The 300bhp T6 has four-wheel drive instead of the front-wheel drive of other S60 models. It's quick and grippy."

The temptation when driving such a vehicle is to floor it at every conceivable opportunity because it's such a joy. Other motorists are forced to make a double take because they cannot believe that it is a Volvo. By far one of my favourites.

Volvo S60 R-Design T6 (2012 onwards). New price range: £39,865. Used price range: £26,251.

0-60mph: 5.9secs; Top speed: 155mph; power: 300bhp; Economy: 28mpg.

Watch the video at www.testdrives.biz

PERFORMANCE enhancing drugs have been favoured by a small number of disgraced sports personalities, most notably cyclist Lance Armstrong and athlete Ben Johnson.

The equivalent of steroids in the world of motor racing are external changes that include lowered suspension, alloy wheels and low profile tyres, a distinctive finish and twin exhausts for good measure.

Manufacturers can't stop there though, because it's what's under the bonnet that must be tinkered with to deliver gut-wrenching, eye-watering performance.

That's exactly what Volvo has done with its S60 T6 saloon. Boy, this is a fabulous car, a real boy racer's delight – such an untypical Volvo, as you can see in the video at testdrives.biz.

If you have ever driven the standard S60 it is a pleasant enough experience and an enjoyable drive, but that is an entirely different kettle of fish to this bright blue Swede with its black alloy wheels.

Push the accelerator just a little and the force is enough to push you forcefully back into the leather upholstery.

Under pressure, the engine emits an attractive, raspy tone, further adding to its sporty credentials. This package is enough to unnerve even the most hardened BMW

M3 driver.

For that matter, the power available from this 300bhp monster reminds me of the old Jaguar XJR, which when new cost the thick end of £50,000 and the rest with extras. All of which makes this sub-£40,000 Swede particularly attractive.

This all-wheel drive beast grips the road well, too. Consider that a £90,000 plus Maserati Gran Turismo hits 0 to 60mph in 5.2 seconds, this Volvo is only a shade over half a second slower. Quite an achievement.

Consider too, all the pioneering safety features that Maserati ignores. The S60 has a sophisticated cruise control coupled to a radar that automatically keeps the Volvo a safe distance from the car in front. It's also a reliable system, keeping the car at a set speed regardless of hills.

This Volvo will also automatically brake and accelerate and there is a helpful blind spot alert.

There's a camera to aid reversing. Inside, driver and passengers are treated to electrically adjustable heated leather front

WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT, AND WHERE?

Mr John Lewis – 55 Drylla, Dinas Powys – single storey extension to rear of property.

Mr and Mrs Dave Cullen – 36 Whitcliffe Drive, Penarth – single storey rear extension.

Mr Adam Hallows – 4 Nyth yr Eos, Rhosce Point, Rhosce – erection of a single storey extension to the rear of the dwelling.

Mr Evan Williams – Aberogwrn Farm, Llancarfan – retention of three existing staff caravans.

Raisdale House Management Company Limited – Raisdale House, Penarth – remove Cypress and deadwood two Cedar trees.

Mr and Mrs D and R Grey – 35 Stanwell Road, Penarth – 1. Replacement of existing roof covering on rear roof; 2. Replacement of windows and frames at rear of property; 3. Demolition of chimney at rear of property.

Mr Philip Evans – Victoria House, Colhugh Street, Llantwit Major – change of use Class A1 to residential.

Mr Ieuan Moorcraft – 48 Glebe Street, Penarth – proposed conversion of semi detached dwelling to create on two bedroom house to the front with separate one-bed first floor flat to the rear.

Mr Huw Turner – Green Oak Cottage, Graig Penllyn – change to use of garage to playroom.

Mr James Wright – 1 Court Drive, Llansannor – reduce limb length and crown thin Beech tree.

Mr and Mrs G Perkins –

Castle Court, Moulton, Barry – retention and reduction in height of existing hay barn at Castle Court.

Ms Eirlys Hatcher – Coed Mansel, Llangan – single storey extension and associated works to existing dwelling.

Mr Roy Underdown – 40 Barriars Way, Barry – Proposed garage to the side of the dwelling.

REG Windpower LUC – Abergorki Wind Farm – three turbine wind farm scheme.

Vale Gymnastics – Heritage Business Park, Wick Road, Llantwit Major – extension to existing gym.

Mrs S Ross – 2 Doniford Close, Sully – proposed two storey extension to rear of property and small side extension.

Mr Kevin Kinson – 11 Laburnum Way, Dinas Powys – detached garage and store.

Mr Salvo Erri – Bryntrion, 25 Geraints Way, Cowbridge – proposed first floor extension to form additional bedroom and en suite bathroom with conservatories to lower ground floor and ground floor.

Mr Stuart Gordon – 14 Albert Crescent, Penarth – convert dwelling to three self-contained residential units with ground floor extension.

Mr Lee Cunningham – 43 Pardoe Crescent, Barry – single storey extension to rear of property with removal of existing smaller extension and timber summer house in rear garden.

Mr Neil P Roberts –

Dow Corning, Cardiff Road, Barry – updating of Hazardous Substances Consent for the following: 1. Up to two additional tonnes of materials classified as 'extremely flammable' in bulk storage tanks, containers and process plant. 2. Up to 40 additional tonnes of materials classified as 'dangerous to the environment in bulk storage tanks, containers and process plant.

Mr Evan Williams – Aberogwrn Farm, Llancarfan – provision of sand gallop for horse training.

Mr and Mrs Byron Terrett – 16 Cwrt Syr Dafydd, Llantwit Major – extension at first floor above existing garage and single storey extension to rear; conversion of garage to habitable room.

Mr Russell Adams – 9 Andover Close, Barry – double extension to side and single storey extension to rear.

Andon Holdings – 11 Paget Road, Barry – change of use from Sui Generis to A3 Cafe (excluding the sale of hot food).

Mr Stephen Cox – 36 Plymouth Road, Penarth – removal of boundary wall in part and pillar, relaying paved area in front of house with additions.

Removal of tree after felling. Removal of tree roots beneath paved area.

Mrs Agnes Rawlings – 11 Dinas Road, Penarth – extension over three storeys to rear elevation.

PUBLIC NOTICE LICENSING ACT 2003

Notice of application to VARY a Premises Licence

Name of applicant: Co-operative Group Food Limited.
Address of premises: Co-op Petrol, Weycock Cross, Port Road, Cwm Talwg, Barry CF62 7LT.

The premises currently has the benefit of a Premises Licence number VOG/PRM/09/2007 - 509. The purpose of this application is to vary the hours when licensable activities may take place from Mon-Sat from 06:00-23:00 to 00:00-00:00. Sunday's licensable activities remain the same. Conditions will apply.

Anyone wishing to make a representation to this application may do so by Monday 18 March 2013.

A record of the application made to the Licensing Authority will be kept on a register at the address given below and the register may be inspected during normal office hours.

All representation regarding this application MUST BE IN WRITING and sent to: Licensing Section, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU or www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and is subject to a maximum fine of £5,000 on summary conviction for the offence.

Ward Hadaway.

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Notice of application to VARY a Premises Licence

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Conservation Area Consent / Caniatâd Ardall Gadwraeth

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2013/00120/CAC
Proposal/Cynnig: Removal of front wall to form access
Location/Leoliad: 5, Archer Road, Penarth
Conservation Area/ Ardall Gadwraeth: Penarth

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2013/00053/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed extension to provide family room, straightening of dog-leg stairway, removal of UPVC window and new first floor window
Location/Leoliad: Llwyn Rhyddid House, Hensol
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2013/00055/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Works to comprise the renovation of existing ground floor WC to incorporate new separate male and female WC's. Alterations to an existing staff room. Existing rear two windows in WC to be boarded up internally to allow for privacy
Location/Leoliad: College Fields Nursing Home, College Fields Close, Barry
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2013/00056/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed Implement Shed/Log Store (within garden of Grade II Listed Llwyn Rhyddid House, Hensol)
Location/Leoliad: Llwyn Rhyddid House, Hensol
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting Llwyn Rhyddid House, Grade II

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vagonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy <http://vagonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Dated / Dyddiedig: 28 February, 2013

M. Goldsworthy, Operational Manager Development & Building Control, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry, CF63 4RT

Public Notices

RHYBUDD O GADARNHAU GORCHYMYN LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS O DAN DDEDDF PRIFYRDD 1980
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Mae copïau o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn wedi'u gosod, a cheir eu gweld yn rhad ac am ddim yn y cyfeiriad isod rhwng 9.00am a 4.00pm, yn ystod yr wythnos o 28 Chwefror 2013 hyd 11 Ebrill 2013. Bydd copïau o'r map a'r Gorchymyn ar werth ym 14.50 yr un.

Daw'r Gorchymyn hwn i rym ar 28 Chwefror 2013. Sefnith ymryn, os fydd unrhyw un sy'n tybio iddo gael cam, yn dymuno holi ynghyd â'i ddiwydd y Gorchymyn neu unrhyw ddarparwydd ynddo, am nad yw o'i ben pwerau Ddeddf Prifffyrdd, yna'u chydymffurfedig a golygion y Ddeddf neu reoladau a wnaed o dan y gadarnhawyd y Gorchymyn, caiff yr unigolyn hwnnw wneud ois i'r Undeb Lys o dan baragraff 2 Amodiad 2 o'r Ddeddf drwy wellffordd paragraph 5 Amodiad 9. cyn pen 6 wythnos o ddyddiad cyhoeddi'r Rhybudd yn genral.

Dyddiedig 28 Chwefror 2013
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasonethau Ddiwyddu Swyddfa'r Doc, Heol yr Isffordd, Y Barr, CF63 4RT

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 36 ST ANDREWS MAJOR)
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2012

On the 21st January 2013 the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order, made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath as set out in the Schedule below and shown in the Order map.

A copy of the confirmed Order and Order map have been placed and may be seen at the address below free of charge between 9.30am and 4.00pm on weekdays from 28th February 2013 until 11th April 2013. Copies of the Order and map may be bought here at a price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on the 28th February 2013, but if any person approved by the Order desires to question its validity or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he/she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 6 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the date on which the Notice is first published make an application to the High Court.

Dated this 28th February 2013
Director of Development Services
Docks Offices, Subway Road, Barry, CF63 4RT

Awards night at Llandow Kart Club



Llandow Kart Club's 2012 'ever-presents' receive recognition at the annual Awards Night
PHOTOGRAPHS BY STEVE EVERITT

AFTER the January snows forced the difficult decision to cancel its original 'big night', Llandow Kart Club reconvened four weeks later to honour its 2012 season champions at Llanharry Working Mens Club.

The popular Cadet age group had two closely-fought classes to reward, with reigning Welsh champions Hugo Holmes (Honda) and Lewis Griffiths (Comer) picking up the evening's first pieces of silverware. They were joined on stage by their respective runners-up – Ross Thomas and Tom Rawlings – while Ethan Ling and Kieran Clarke completed the podium trios.

Things weren't quite as closely contested on Junior Honda, where Ben Stevens, another current Welsh champion, took a comfortable – and well-deserved – title, but there was some additional solace for runner-up Thomas Croydon, who was also honoured with the annual award for best performance by a Llandow club member in national competition following his success in the ABKC championship. Tom Ford picked up the trophy for third in class after joining Croydon with a 100 per cent appearance for the season.

Ross Chell is no

stranger to club titles, and returned to the lime-light with Junior TKM success in 2012. While the points difference might say otherwise, he did not have things all his own way during the season, however, with Ryan Edwards and Yousuf Ashraf deserving recipients of the second- and third- place awards.

Also continuing a Llandow tradition, Jodie Handford ensured her family's record of success was prolonged, taking the Minimax title to add to brother Steven's multiple awards from recent seasons. The club's only female champion was joined on stage by Ceran Sokhi, who made great strides throughout the season, and Lucas Wynne, who made several appearances after stepping up from Cadets and claimed the round win at November's finale.

Toby Allen was made to sweat over the Junior Rotax title, with Rob Ellis pushing him close before just missing out after posting a DNF in the season finale. Elliot Hagerty finished third overall after being in the mix most months and being just one of two competitors to claim a 100 per cent appearance record, along with Oliver O'Flaherty.

The most comfortable champion of the year has become a familiar face on the Awards Night stage, but Simon Evans had no qualms about collecting yet another Senior Honda title to add to his Welsh and Celtic

trophies. Danny Griffiths emerged as Evans' closest regular rival during the season, and deservedly earned himself the runners-up award, while veteran Paul Saunders staked a claim for the club's 'elder statesmen' with third place in the standings.

Things were a little closer in the blue riband Senior Rotax class, with club stalwart Matthew Dowers finally overcoming the challenge of David Entwistle and Sebastian Hutchinson to claim the title. Entwistle, meanwhile, capped a successful season – which also saw him crowned as RAFMSA champion – by being voted as the Llandow club's 'most improved driver' for 2012.

The Rotax 177 class, which runs along with the main series, saw Simon Wheeler depose regular champion Wayne Stone, with Nicky Coombs claiming third spot overall.

Among the other awards handed out on the night, Ethan Ling was chosen as the 'most improved Honda driver', and Junior Honda's Patrick Hill as the 'most improved Race Academy driver'. Formula Rotax regular Josh Collings was also recognised for producing the best performance by a senior club member in national competition after finishing fourth overall in the prestigious Formula Kart Stars series.

The title of 'LKC driver of the year', however, was claimed by Ryan Edwards, based on the votes of fellow club members.

In all, no fewer than 29 drivers received acknowledgement of their 100 per cent appearance record, with the combined Cadet classes producing twelve of those (full list below).

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS:

HONDA CADET:
1. Hugo Holmes (Zip);
2. Ross Thomas (Wright); 3. Ethan Ling (Project One).

COMER CADET: 1. Lewis Griffiths (Zip); 2. Tom Rawlings (Zip); 3. Keiran Clarke (Zip).

JUNIOR HONDA:
1. Ben Stevens (7Kart);
2. Thomas Croydon (Jade); 3. Tom Ford (Biz).

JUNIOR TKM: 1. Ross Chell (Jade); 2. Ryan Edwards (Talko); 3. Yousuf Ashraf (Jade).

JUNIOR ROTAX:

1. Toby Allen (CRG); 2. Rob Ellis (Kosmic); 3. Elliot Hagerty (CRG).

MINI MAX: 1. Jodie Handford (Tonykart); 2. Ceran Sokhi (Kosmic); 3. Lucas Wynne (Intrepid).

SENIOR HONDA:
1. Simon Evans (7Kart);
2. Danny Griffiths (MS);
3. Paul Saunders (7Kart).

FORMULA ROTAX:
1. Matthew Dowers (Tonykart); 2. David Entwistle (Wright); 3. Sebastian Hutchinson (Tonykart).

FORMULA ROTAX 177:
Simon Wheeler (CRG);
2. Wayne Stone (Tonykart); 3. Nicky Coombs (Tonykart).

MOST IMPROVED DRIVER OF THE YEAR: David Entwistle (Formula Rotax).

MOST IMPROVED HONDA DRIVER OF THE YEAR: Ethan Ling (Honda Cadet).

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Llandow Kart Club's 2012 season champions show off their silverware at the annual Awards Night.
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Cadoxton Tae Kwon Do at English championships



Pictured are: Anita Sheppard, Emily Halford, Morganne Gomez, Bradley Halford, Jamie Halford, Matthew Bennett, Alan Evans, Thomas Haysham, Cameron Williams, Mason Blackley, Lucy Newman, Jasmine Sullivan, Evan Baron, Cody Jacobsen, Cian Allen, Joel Wells, Jake Quigley, Maddison Allen and Jessica Blackley.
Missing are Keita Enfield and Morgan Harry.

THE Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do travelled to Cheltenham where more than 350 competitors from all over the UK converged to take part in the Global Tae Kwon Do International English Championships.

As usual, the championship started with the pattern section where Emily Halford came away third place in her category. Emily then went on to take first place in her point sparring section.

While taking third place in his point sparring category, Cameron Williams went on to dominate his continuous sparring category and came away with first place.

Once again, Cian Allen and Evan Baron found themselves in the same point sparring category, where they both fought their way through to the finals with Cian taking first place and Evan taking third.

With some impressive kicking, future star Jessica Blackley took first place in her point sparring category.

Not to be outdone by his younger sister, Mason Blackley went on to take first place in his point sparring category.

Coming back from injury, Lucy Newman did extremely well to take first in the junior

girls black belt point sparring and a credible second in the continuous sparring.

Ever-improving Cody Jacobsen surprised his opponents with his speed and kicking ability and fought his way into the final where he took first place.

Having some bad luck recently and competing in one of the largest categories of the day, Thomas Haysham had six fights to get to the final of the junior boys black belt point sparring.

Thomas dominated his opponent and came away with first place then went straight back on to the mat to compete in the continuous sparring section, where he took second place.

Bradley Halford and Matthew Bennett were unlucky to be in the same black belt point and continuous sparring categories where they both fought their way through to the final of the point sparring. This time, Matthew took first and Bradley took second place. In the continuous sparring, Matthew went out and Bradley went on to take third place.

Having to compete against much heavier opponents, Alan Evans did extremely well, just missing out on a podium place.

After a long lay-off from the tournament scene, both Anita Sheppard and Morgan Harry fought well, Anita in the

women's black belt and Morgan in the boys black belt heavy-weight category. Morgan took second place and Anita third place in continuous sparring.

Competing in the men's heavyweight point sparring category Jamie Halford made his way into the final, taking first place.

Competing in the girls black belt heavyweight categories, Morganne Gomez Jones took first in continuous and second in the point sparring.

Keita Enfield went further in the women's lightweight black belt category, taking gold and first place in both her point and continuous sparring categories.

Giving a good account of themselves and just missing out this time were Maddison Allen, Jake Quigley, Jasmine Sullivan and Joel Wells.

The club has a busy 2013 calendar with local and UK tournaments, together with the world games in Dublin and the European championships being held in Jersey.

For further information, telephone Barry (01446) 406372 or see www.taekwondoassociationeurope.co.uk

Pupils urged to fill in survey

PUPILS from the Vale are leading the way in urging other school pupils across Wales to voice their opinion in the second ever Sport Wales School Sport Survey.

In 2011, the first School Sport Survey became the biggest ever to capture opinions of children and young adults with regards to sport, with over 40,000 youngsters taking part nationally.

The Vale was one of the highest participating areas, with thousands of youths from primary and secondary schools across the county voicing their thoughts.

Pupils and teachers from the area have now joined together to urge others to follow in their footsteps for the 2013 survey.

Cowbridge Comprehensive School in particular has seen great benefits from its pupils taking part in the 2011 survey.

Pupils from the school have been selected to take part in a promotional campaign, outlining the importance of the survey to other schools in Wales.

The full survey will go live on April 8 until the end of summer term. To find out more, visit www.schoolsportssurvey.org.uk.

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Dinas dominant... but forced to settle for a point

DESPITE dominating possession for most of this game against Croescyiliog with wave after wave of attacks, Dinas could not get the breakthrough their play deserved and had to be content with a point in this 0-0 draw.

The hosts had an early shout for a penalty when Gareth Tedstone appeared to be tripped in the box but the referee waved play on.

Midfielders Adam Carpenter, Matt Trotman and skipper Adam Raymond were dominating and threading a succession of balls through for the pacy Tedstone to chase, but the Croescy defence were on their mettle, snuffing out the many chances created.

The nearest Dinas came to scoring came when Tedstone made a good run down the left and cut the ball back to Carpenter; he shot high just under the crossbar but Croescy keeper James Peckham made a fine one-handed save to push the ball over the bar.

The visitors had the odd chance but their shooting was off target most of the time. Left winger Luke Fernquest looked lively and he put in a fine cross to Jody Jenkins but his shot was wide of the target.

Another chance came for Dinas when Iwan Izzard found Steffan Davies but his powerful shot was just the wrong side of the upright with Peckham beaten.

Further good link up play involving Tedstone, Carpenter and Trotman

ended with the latter bringing a comfortable save from Peckham. The first half ended with Dinas feeling they should have the lead for all their domination.

The second half started in similar fashion, Tedstone almost catching the defence and Peckham napping with a hard low shot, again just the wrong side of the post.

The best chance of the half came when left back Richard Yarr found Carpenter who played Tedstone in. He shot across the 'keeper but, frustratingly, it went just wide again when perhaps he should have opened the scoring.

Croescy began to get a bit more possession in the last 15 minutes and when Fernquest passed to substitute Lewis Clare in a good position, the Dinas supporters held their breath but he too miscued his shot.

In the last three minutes Craig Joliff was booked for a late tackle on Dinas skipper Raymond, who sustained an ankle injury and was replaced by Jordan Phillips.

Squad: 1 Damian Lack, 2 Steve Provis, 3 Richard Yarr, 4 Danny Street, 5 James Bloxham, 6 Adam Raymond (c), 7 Matt Trotman, 8 Iwan Izzard, 9 Steffan Davies, 10 Gareth Tedstone, 11 Adam Carpenter, Substitutes: 12 Mike Lewis, 14 James Williams, 15 Jordan Phillips, 16 Mark Dunford.

Dinas are next in action on March 16 when they travel to play Undy Athletic with a 2.30pm kick off.

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ALL SAINTS PROGRESS TO THE FINALS OF THE N-POWER CUP

ALL SAINTS Primary School had a very successful day's football progressing to the finals of the N-power Cup.

Louie Harris, Kaci Lewis and Dylan Clarke from year-6 along with Louis Harding, Morgan Stavert-Hawkings, Jake Westlake and Joseff Rosser from year-5 performed well, remaining unbeaten to win their group, and seeing off rival schools from the Rhondda, Newport and Caerphilly.

They had to face a fellow Barry school, Ysgol Gwaun y Nant, in a play-off to progress through to the finals day, which after a cagey first half, they were able to do convincingly.

All the boys performed superbly, scoring 18 goals in the tournament, but player of the tournament was goal-keeper Dylan Clarke, voted for by the other players, for some superb stops in between the sticks.

They celebrated by having a McFlurry on the way home to school and look forward to playing in the finals day on March 6 with the chance of representing

NM

Cardiff City at Wembley. Headteacher Richard Ware was thrilled with the success of the boys and thanked James Ball and parent John Harding for their support on the day.

Girls have also been enjoying football at school. Selected girls from years 5 and 6 recently took part in their first matches in the newly formed Vale school girls football league.

The league is non-competitive, but gives the girls a chance to play against a wide range of schools throughout Barry and the Vale.

Mr Ball thanked Rachel Robinson for accompanying the girls to the football and they are looking forward to the next games.

The league is run by a parent of the school, Luke Williams, who is also chairman of the Vale Ladies and Girls FC. He also ran a taster sessions for girls from years 3 to 6 to give football a go after school.

Despite wet conditions, the girls weren't stopped from having a great time learning about football on the yard!



Busy few weeks for Barry boxer Daniel

IT'S been a busy few weeks for Barry boxer Daniel Alsop.

Four weeks ago the Welsh novice championships kicked off in Pencoed, where Alsop faced Sean Hughes of Llandudno. Hughes forced the fight, but his lack of any real power failed to rattle Alsop. After three rounds Alsop got the nod by 12-8.

Next up he faced Josh Meli of Afan Spartans in the finals, held in Swansea, Rounds 1 and 2 saw Dan out boxing Meli, using his spearing left jab, for which Meli had no answer.

Clearly ahead 9-5 going into the last round, Alsop was ready for the inevitable onslaught, which the powerful Meli duly produced. He dragged Alsop into a slugging match and after a toe to toe last round, Meli came out the controversial winner 16-15, with Alsop's face showing disbelief.

Shrugging off his disappointment he was back in action seven days later in the British Universities boxing championships in Coventry.

Dan, who is studying Architectural Design Technology at Cardiff Metropolitan University, boxed Charlie Kiernan (University College London). Kiernan, a counterpuncher, found Alsop's jab difficult to deal with in the first three rounds.

This time the contest was over four rounds, with the last round being a close one, both boxers scoring with heavy body and head punches. Alsop won the bout on four judges' cards while the fifth gave the draw.

Back on the road again a week later, it was up the M1 for the finals at the Don Valley Stadium in Sheffield. It was case of 'into the lion's den' for Daniel, facing local favourite Daniel Hirst (Manchester

Metropolitan University) together with his noisy support.

However, Daniel had his own travelling support in the shape of Wenvoe's Joff Williams, who made the long journey up north.

It wasn't long, however, before Alsop silenced Hirst's fans. Totally out-boxing Hirst for the first two sessions, Alsop's feints and stiff jabs bemused the crouching

Hirst. The third round saw

Hirst shipping some heavy right uppercuts, but the crowd lifted Hirst for the fourth round which was much closer. Hirst clubbing the tiring Alsop with heavy over-hand rights. The result however was never in doubt with Alsop winning clearly on points. Alsop's record now reads 10 fights, seven wins.

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Under-12s battle through the cold

ON a dry freezing cold Sunday, Barry RFC under-12s were entertained by Llantwit Major under-12s.

Under pressure from the outset Barry were unable to hold Llantwit at bay, an unconverted try coming within the first five minutes of the match.

This galvanised Barry, who went on the attack stopping Llantwit from scoring another try by pushing them into touch. This gave Barry confidence and despite excellent pushing forward and a held up try, Llantwit led going into the break 5-0.

In the second half Barry were again held

back by Llantwit's blistering defence, but through grit and determination a try was scored by Dylan, bringing the score to 5-5. Barry then began to dominate, gaining possession and attacking Llantwit's defence with Cameron L. scoring a try and at full time the score was Barry RFC under-12s 10, Llantwit Major under-12s 5

Barry's second match was against Llandaff North RFC under-12s, and as this match kicked off it began to snow, making conditions difficult for both teams.

Barry failed to score a try with Llandaff's impressive defence and at the break the score was an even 0-0. Despite

hard work by the Barry defence Llandaff North pushed forward and scored two tries.

Barry then began to fight back and Cameron L. scored a try, which was converted by Josh J to make it 10-7. With only four minutes left Barry attempted to add to their score but Llandaff North applied pressure, dominating the closing minutes of the match for a final score of Llandaff North RFC under-12s 10, Barry RFC under-12s 7.

In both matches Barry showed a level of commitment and resolve that has in the past been lacking, making them an exciting prospect for the future.

Squad: Joe B, Callum, Dylan R, Joe W, Declan, Josh J, Brody, Ewan, Connor, Sam, Josh D, Cameron T, Jayden, Cameron L, Dylan S, Daniel.

Barry RFC under-12s are looking for new members, please contact Sara on 07983576711 for details.

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CAMELOTS PULL AWAY

THIS week saw a table-topping clash in division two when the Camelots played host to second in the table Bridgend A.

A tight match was expected as Bridgend had been a model of consistency this season until a recent dip in form.

A strong Camelots team eventually ran out winners by an unexpected margin of 4.5-0.5.

This has opened up a lead of seven points for the Camelots, who look assured of a quick return to the highest echelon of the East Glamorgan Chess League.

This defeat has dropped the Bridgend team down to fourth in the table and with the teams around us dropping points to lower placed teams, the division is concentrating up with only 4.5 points separating the promotion contenders from the relegation fighters.

The Positrons from St John's College have been recording excellent results to move into second place. We still have to play the Positrons, but this is our final match in two months' time and hopefully promotion will be assured by that time.

We also travelled to Caerphilly, where the Gambits continued their relegation battle against the strong Caerphilly Rocks.

Our early results did not auger well for the team, quickly recording two defeats and only two draws.

The final game involved team captain Hoppy White. His match has been described as a cat and mouse battle although I was not sure at the time which of them was the cat and which was the mouse, where both players had the same colour bishop and equal pawns on either side of the board. Hoppy was considering offering a draw but knew we needed more.

He took the battle from the kingside pawns to the queenside pawns, he continued to fight on and turned out to be the mouse capturing the cheese as, with time quickly running out, his opponent made a knee-jerk reaction to resign, giving the Gambits hope that relegation can still be avoided following this 3-2 loss.

For more details visit our website barrychessclub.yolasite.com

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BACK PAGE COMMENT

by Don John



TRY! Alex Cuthbertson grounds the ball for Wales' second try that clinched a memorable win in Rome.

ON the eve of Wales' third Six Nations clash at a rain-lashed Stadio Olimpico in Rome at the weekend, caretaker head coach Robert Howley had warned his young charges not to underestimate opponents who have traditionally propped up the Six Nations table – and, moreover, were missing their one world class player, banned skipper Sergio Parisse.

"We've always found it tough going there – Italy have always been difficult to break down and very well organised... It's one of the toughest places to go in Europe and we have huge respect for them," he averred.

Despite Wales finally ending a run of eight defeats with the 16-6 victory in Paris two weeks earlier, he cautioned: "We realise that one win isn't good enough, and that it's about momentum – to go out there and beat Italy. The key is good discipline – which is not just about not giving penalties away, but having accuracy and discipline with the ball."

Note, even against so-called international 'minnows', no talk here of expansive Welsh play of the kind that in the recent past has excited the rugby world – but, as befits a team struggling to regain their poise and confidence, just a simple, pragmatic objective – 'to go out there and win!'

That, of course, is easier said than done against rugged opponents renowned for the formidable, physical threat they normally present up front, particularly in the set piece, and roared on by their home crowd in torrential conditions. The big question was,

could the Welsh pack, in an unchanged line-up that had been heavily penalised in the game against France, rise to the challenge – or would they struggle again in the scrum?

In fact, to their credit, they met the vaunted Italian forward power head-on and crushed it, magnificently led by their impressive Lions' props – tight head Adam Jones (who had gallantly blamed himself for the Paris shortcomings) and Gethin Jenkins (who will soon be heading back home to the Cardiff Blues); along with Paul James, who came on as his replacement at loose-head.

The pack's commanding performance and that of France, who steamrollered England in the first half, before imploding at Twickenham on Saturday – though the French cause was not helped by some wayward decisions by the man with the whistle – may have marked the scrum's rebirth as the game-changing force of old at international level.

Certainly, it was the biggest single factor in what was, in the end, a conclusive 26-9 victory for Wales, with nine penalty points conceded by the Italian eight, and also producing a sin-binning for their acting skipper, rugged Leicester prop, Martin Castrogiovanni, after repeated warnings from the referee.

It prompted Wales' proud match captain Ryan Jones, who had again led from the front with another fine performance, to comment: "I don't profess to know what goes on at the scrum... but there are six very happy lumpers in our changing room!"

In a weather-dominated game that, like the gritty win in

France, could hardly qualify as a rugby classic, with chances going begging and errors mounting on both sides in the wind and rain, Wales exerted fierce pressure up front from the start.

This resulted in the first of three successful penalty kicks by ever-reliable full back, Leigh Halfpenny – but Italy responded with two place kicks of their own by outside half Kris Burton, who also missed with a snap drop goal, to make the score 9-6 to Wales at the interval.

A sloppy restart by Wales saw Burton again miss the target with a drop goal attempt, but Italy were soon put under pressure again; and Jonathan Davies, who like co-centre Jamie Roberts, had an otherwise muted impact on proceedings, gleefully scooped up a loose ball and strolled through for a try, which Halfpenny easily converted for a 16-6 lead.

Eight minutes into the half, after Wales had made a mess of a lineout, embattled Italy were eventually able to claw back three points through a penalty kick by Burton – but this was to be their final scoring effort and Halfpenny promptly stretched the margin to 19-9 with a monster place kick from halfway.

With pressure resumed on the home scrum, it led to Castrogiovanni's yellow card and, with nine minutes to full time, a comprehensive victory was ensured when right wing Alex Cuthbert cut through for his seventh touchdown in a Welsh shirt.

Man of the match Halfpenny converted, to make the final score 26-9 and seal Wales' 17th win in 20 meetings with the shell-shocked Azzurri. The collapse of

the feared Italian scrum was just the first in a weekend of Six Nations surprises: with Grand Slam-hunting England being rocked by a suddenly rejuvenated France, despite benefiting from both myopic match officials and equally baffling decisions made by the French head coach to change horses in midstream, which ripped his team apart and may well have cost them victory on Saturday.

Then there was Scotland's stunning 12-8 win at Murrayfield on Sunday, despite Ireland claiming three-quarters of possession and territory!

Not only did it finally lay bare Irish deficiencies that had surfaced in the games against Wales and England but, amazingly, it has even given the unfancied Scots an admittedly slim hope of winning the championship, as they prepare to welcome Wales next week.

Even allowing for the fact that performances in this year's Six Nations have undoubtedly been adversely affected by the elements to an exceptional extent, it is also true that the standard overall in the competition has been disappointingly low across all of the home countries.

That surely cannot be a cause for satisfaction, with the British and Irish Lions' tour to Australia next on the horizon, and Warren Gatland may yet be forced to 'think outside the box', rather than rely on results in the tournament as a guide to players' suitability for selection.

It could also mean players will come under extra scrutiny, with a last chance to impress in their final club and regional outings!

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